

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE

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F.No. FC-II/MH-219/2023-NGP / 11867

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The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madam Cama Marg Mantralaya, Mumbai–400032.

Sub: Diversion of 16.6846 ha of forest land in favour of Central Railway, Ghatkopar for construction of third Railway line between Kalyan to Kasara station of 67.62 km in Ulhasnagar, Kalyan and Shahapur Talukas in Thane District in the State of Maharashtra-regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-1923/C.R.20/F-10 dated 25.05.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/I.D-13361(78)/2430/2022-23 dated 19.12.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- Consolidated single KML file of entire alignment under instant proposal, dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. State Government has mentioned in its covering letter that Compensatory Afforestation will be carried over 1.00 ha. degraded forest land in Survey no. 419, Compt. no. 1144 at Village- Panchpakhadi, Taluka- Thane, District- Thane. Whereas, APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra has mentioned in his letter that CA will be carried over 35.00 ha degraded forest land. Necessary corrections in the covering letter of the State Government need to be done and submitted to this office.
- iii. Various Differential GPS maps of land indentified to carry out Compensatory Afforestation has been submitted by DCF, Shahapur, correct and certified Differential GPS map on which CA will be carried out needs to be submitted by DCF, Shahapur along with respective KML files.
- iv. Details of structures proposed in the instant proposal for smooth movement of animals are not submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with location details.
- v. State Government has mentioned that proposed project is within 10.00 Km default Ecosensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. Since Eco-Sensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified, ESZ is deemed to be 10 Km. The State Government shall obtain comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.

- vi. The scale of toposheet submitted by Thane Wild Life division needs to be verified.
- vii. The DCF Thane Wild Life has mentioned in his Part-II (xi) that "No rare/endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed forest area during site inspection" which needs clarity whether there are no rare/endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna in the area at all. Clarification from Chief Wildlife Warden is needed.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of DDGF(C)/ Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. User agency.
- iii. Guard file.

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