

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

F.No. FC-I/MH-237/2021-NGP /11901

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Date: 20.07.2023

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

Sub: Ex-post facto approval for diversion of 0.1305 ha Reserved Forest in favour of Essar Steel India Ltd., Sanaswadi for laying underground water pipeline for industrial use and drinking purposein Reserved Forest Gut No. 152 to 155 at Village- Koregaon Bhima-Dingrajwadi, Tal-Shirur, Dist-Pune in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the State Government letter no. FLD-1920/C.R.153/F-10 dated 18.05.2023 which was received in this office on 30.05.2023 on the above subject forwarding additional information as sought vide this office letter of even number dated 03.09.2021 and to say that examination of additional information in the Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. It is mentioned that the land proposed for diversion was handed over to Forest Department in year 1999, documents regarding the same needs to be submitted.
- ii. Further, the offence details are provided in vernacular language, English translated copy of the same needs to be submitted.
- iii. It is also not clear whether the offence registered have been finalised as per provisions contained in IFA 1927.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit clarification in this regard to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Bhopal.

Yours faithfully,

(Karthik M.L)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

ii. User agency.

iii. Guard file.

-Sd-(Karthik M.L)

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