

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

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Yo,

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

Sub: Diversion of 1.0364 ha of Reserved Forest & Private Forest land in favour of National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit-Panvel for change of alignment for widening of 6/8 laning of NH-4B,SH-54 and Amra Marg on boundaries of proposed Navi Mumbai International Airport at Villages- Dapoli and Manghar, Taluka- Panvel, District- Raigad in the state of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/I.D-13259/759/2021-22 dated 29.06.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 14.07.2023. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal the Committee decided that proposal shall again be placed before the REC after receipt of following:

- i. The detailed violation report including the nature and extent of the violation, action taken by the State Forest Department under IFA, 1927 and FCA, 1980 along with all relevant documents. The name of the officials responsible for the violation from the User Agency as well as the State Forest Department and action taken against them.
- ii. The State Government shall submit a detail report on why the area has not been included in the main proposal of diversion of the 24.3986 ha forest land. The State Government need to make enquiry in the matter against the incumbent DCF at the time of submission of the proposal, as why the Reserve Forest has not been included in the Part-II of the primary proposal and same has been identified later on.
- iii. The state government shall send a revised composite proposal with revised CA and revised NPV and all other necessary documents seeking forest clearance.

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 (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.

Yours faithfully,

Karthik M.I.)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

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

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