

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

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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 vide 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 say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. Hard copy of Part- I is not submitted along with the proposal. Hard copy of Part- I mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission shall be submitted by the User Agency.
- ii. Hard copy of Part- II is not submitted along with the proposal nor it is uploaded on Parivesh portal. Hard copy of Part- II mentioning name of concerned DCF and date of submission shall be uploaded on Parivesh portal and copy of the same shall also be submitted to this office.
- iii. DCF, Alibag has mentioned in his certificate that there is violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Detailed violation report is not submitted along with the proposal. Detailed violation report along with action taken on officers responsible for violation needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- iv. It has been mentioned that proposed project is within 10 Km from Karnala Bird Sanctuary. Exact distance from Karnala Bird Sanctuary along with 10 Km radius map duly approved by DCF concerned shall be submitted by the State Government.
- v. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has mentioned in his Part- II that the proposed area is the barest minimum. However certificate to this effect has not been submitted by DCF concerned. The same needs to be submitted.
- vi. Examination of CA scheme submitted along with the proposal, it was observed that provision for fencing of CA land is not included in CA scheme. Further, activities to be carried out in first year is not included in the CA scheme submitted along with the

- proposal. Revised and complete CA scheme including provisions for fencing of CA land shall be submitted by the State Government.
- vii. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided.

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,

(Karthik, M.L)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

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

ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

iii. User agency.

iv. Guard file.

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