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✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 2.0847 ha. forest land under in favour of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Bandra East, Mumbai for construction of Mumbai Trans Harbour Line (Sewri to Nhava up to NH-4B) Link road for Bridge and Link Road in Village- Jasai, Taluka- Uran, District- Raigad in the State of Maharashtra - regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no FLD-2023/C.R.176/F-10 dated 06.07.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13818(NH)/341/23-24 dated 03.05.2023 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 Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. DCF, Alibag has mentioned in his violation report that violation over an area of 0.8074 ha has been done by the User Agency. Whereas, DCF, Alibag in his violation note has mentioned that violation has been done over an area of 0.8064 ha. 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 and exact area of violation. 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 needs to be submitted.
- ii. State Government has mentioned that proposed project is 1.64 Km from EZS of Karnala Bird Sanctuary. Hence State Government has recommended to obtain comments from CWLW regarding mitigation measures. Since ESZ of Karnala Bird Sanctuary is upto 8 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.
- iii. Index Map/SoI toposheet on 1:50,000 scale of area proposed for diversion is not submitted along with the proposal. Certified map on suitable scale needs to be submitted.

- iv. 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. The same needs to be 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 (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.

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