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To,

The Secretary,  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk  
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Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 30.399 Ha. of Forest Land in favour of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Bandra (East) Mumbai for laying underground water pipeline under 403 MLD Surya Regional Water Supply Scheme in Mumbai District in the State of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2018/C.R.215/F-10 dated 18.07.2018 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 (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. Maps viz. Differential GPS Map, 10 Km radius map showing PA's and Village map is not submitted along with the proposal.
- ii. Details of facts as contained in the Part- II of the proposal viz. Topography of the area, Geology and Slope to erosion are not mentioned.
- iii. Financial outlay for fencing of CA area is not mentioned in the CA scheme.
- iv. User Agency has submitted three different undertaking to bear the cost of CA mentioning three different areas. Correct undertaking mentioning exact area proposed for CA needs to be submitted by the User Agency.
- v. As the proposed area falls within Eco-Sensitive Zone of Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali and Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, approval of the Standing Committee of the NBWL is mandatory. The State Government may therefore, submit the status of approval, if any, obtained by the User Agency from the Standing Committee of the NBWL.
- vi. Original Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, issued by District Collector's is not submitted. The needs to be submitted along with supporting documents of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee(s).

- vii. FRA, 2006 certificate has been issued only for 29.1511 ha. whereas, forest land proposed for diversion is 30.399 ha. Therefore, FRA, 2006 certificate has to be submitted in original for the entire forest area proposed for diversion.
- viii. Three separate certificates have been issued by District Collector, Palghar. Consolidated FRA, 2006 mentioning the entire area falling under Palghar District may be submitted in original along with supporting documents of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee(s).
- ix. RoW of existing and proposed line is not submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- x. Two Cost Benefit Ratio's has been submitted by the User Agency, one with CB ratio of 1:35.26 and another for 1:47.43. Correct and final CB ratio may be submitted as per Ministry's guidelines dated 01.08.2017.
- xi. Discrepancy is observed in the details of employment potential likely to be generated from implementation of the project in online Part- I application and hard copy submitted by the User Agency. Consolidated information on employment potential likely to be generated from implementation of the project may be submitted by the User Agency.
- xii. Details on number of cases in which Forest area has been diverted since 1980 is not submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane and CCF & Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali in their Part- II.

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.

Yours faithfully,



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- i. The PCCF, 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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