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Date: 29th August, 2022

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 132.102 ha of forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for Up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli -Allapalli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12839/(54)/20-21/364/2020-21 dated 24.06.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that scrutiny of the proposal in the Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur revealed following:

- The proposed road passes through Pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary and Tiger corridors. Accordingly, detail note duly approved by the PCCF, Wildlife on the areas where the proposed road is bisecting/bifurcating the tigers corridors and impact thereof need to be submitted. Further, impact of road on resident wildlife of Pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary especially on Black Bucks and impact thereof need to be submitted.
- The DCF, Sironcha has mentioned in the Part-II and Site Inspection Report that the proposed road is passing through the Pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary and Tiger corridors, however, contrary to this, it has been further mentioned in the Part-II that there are no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna in the area. The justification on differing statements within same document needs to be submitted.
- The model CA scheme for entire area, i.e. 270 ha area has been submitted, the site specific CA schemes as per the specific requirement of each patch proposed for CA need to be submitted. Further, as per the examination of CA sites over the google satellite imaginary, it has been found that area proposed under the Compartments number 280, JA088 and SA007 already have established tree growth and accordingly may not be suitable for raising CA. The State Government shall revisit the area and new suitable CA sites need to be identified.
- The examination of proposed alignment over google satellite image revealed that realignments have been proposed in the forest area. Accordingly, details of all such realignments and bypasses if any along with the details of extent of left over existing roads inside forest due to realignment need to be submitted.
- The cross sectional plan of proposed RoW of 22 meters needs to be submitted.

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/Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

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- The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- User agency.
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