

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: August, 2023**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai.

**Subject: Diversion of 263.5406 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Sambarkund Irrigation Project at Village Mahan, Taluka Alibag, District Raigad in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/142819/2021) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-142819/Thane/1234 dated 21.07.2023 (uploaded online on Parivesh portal on dated 07.08.2023) on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:-

- i. Now out of 268.70 ha CA proposed on non forest land, the DCF, Nanded vide their letter dated 08.06.2023 informed that only 71.87 ha is presently suitable for plantation work. However, the exact KML file of the 71.87 ha Non Forest Land proposed for CA has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- ii. Out of 71.87 ha now proposed Non Forest Land for CA which is informed by DCF, Nanded is presently suitable for plantation work, the DCF, Nanded vide their letter dated 08.06.2023 selected 47.87 ha Non Forest Land for CA in the Village HINGANI (45.87 ha) and Village SAYPHAL (2 ha) whereas the same villages have been excluded earlier by the DCF, Nanded vide their letter dated 04.08.2022 for carrying out CA due to encroachment. This needs clarification.
- iii. DSS analysis reported that the CA proposed over degraded forest land in the villages namely Sawargaon, Bhurbhushi and Paki are having encroachment of Agriculture land. Also it has been found that plantation work has been recently carried out in the degraded forest land patch located in Village Nekli and Moderately Dense forest exist in the degraded forest land patch in Village Panola proposed for CA. Therefore the State Government needs to submit revised CA land w.r.t degraded forest land free from all encumbrances.
- iv. Again the translated copy of the collector, Nanded order No. CR/5643/8/1/97, dated 03/11/1997 submitted by the user agency is not certified by official translator with its seal and stamp which needs submission.
- v. The Separate copy of Survey of India Topo-sheet map and DGPS map Showing the Component wise utilization of forest land under diversion have

not been submitted which needs submission.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 29-08-2023 16:55:53

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.