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Date: 21.08.2023

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.018 ha. Unclassed forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for widening of existing Kulupwadi Road connecting Western Express Highway, Borivali (East), in Village- Kanheri, District- Mumbai Suburban in the State of Maharashtra - regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no FLD-2023/C.R.-188/F-10 dated 28.06.2023 which was received in this office on 05.07.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13173(78)/200/2022-23 dated 20.04.2023 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. The instant proposal has not been forwarded to Regional Office, Nagpur, the proposal is showing as pending at State Government level. The proposal has to be forwarded to Regional Office, Nagpur for further consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii. Part- V is also not uploaded on Parivesh portal. The same needs to be uploaded and intimated to this office.
- iii. No information on non-forest land involved in the proposal is mentioned in area calculation statement submitted along with the proposal nor in online Part- I uploaded on Parivesh portal. However, examination of KML file uploaded on Parivesh portal revealed that non-forest land is also involved in the proposal. Details of non-forest land involved in the proposal shall be submitted.
- iv. State Government has mentioned in its covering letter that the proposed area is part of SGNP, but the said area is outside the protected area of SGNP. Therefore, there is no need for wildlife mitigation plan. Clarification on the statement made by the State Government needs to be submitted.
- v. It is mentioned in Part- II that Scheduled-I species like Leopard, Striped Hyaena, Jungle Cat, Rusty spotted cat, Grey Mongoose, Small Indian Civet, Sambar, Indian Porcupine, Peafowl, Marsh Crocodile, Indian Chameleon, Bengal Monitor, Indian Cobra, Dhaman, Rock Python are present in the area. 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.

- vi. In area calculation statement details of only one Compartment i.e. 537 (pt) has been mentioned, whereas, examination of KML file submitted along with the proposal revealed that the line is passing in three Compartments i.e. 193, 192A and 617. Correct KML file of area proposed for diversion needs to be submitted.
- vii. Index Map/SoI toposheet on 1:50,000 scale submitted along with the proposal is not certified by CF & Director, SGNP. Certified map highlighting the alignment needs to be submitted.
- viii. 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, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

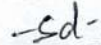


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- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. User agency.
- iii. Guard file.



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