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

**Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 8th August, 2023**

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To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 73.94 ha forest land for construction of Kareghat Minor Irrigation Tank at Kareghat, Tal. Nawapur, District Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/61238/2020) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/CR-01/F-10 dated 12.09.2022 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 17.07.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal and decided that:

- i. The details about the command area, irrigation potential, present cropping pattern, total population of the villages to be benefited and the likely impact of the project on cropping pattern in future is essential for evaluating the socio-economic benefits of the project. The State shall submit a detailed report on these aspects.
- ii. The project which is for irrigation purposes will increase the yield potential of the area and have an impact on Cost Benefit ratio as well. The state shall take the same into account and submit a revised cost benefit analysis on the prescribed format.
- iii. Since the proposed area is bordering the State of Gujarat, and the project may have impact on the areas downstream, therefore the State of Maharashtra shall seek the comments/NOC from the state of Gujarat in this regard.

In view of the above, the Government of Maharashtra is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 09-08-2023 11:56:33

Yours sincerely,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
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