OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (HEAD OF FOREST FORCE), MAHARASHTRA STATE, NAGPUR ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND NODAL OFFICER First Floor, 'B' Wing, Van Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001. Tel no. 0712-2556916 E-mail- apccfnodal@mahaforest.gov.in No.:Desk-17/FCA/S1/PID-142819/Thane/ 1683 /2023-24 Nagpur - 440 001, Dated: 30 108 12023 To, The Chief Conservator of Forests (T). Thane Sub:- Diversion of 263.5406 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Sambarkund Irrigation Project at Village Mahan, Taluka Alibag, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra (Online NoFP/MH/IRRIG/142819/2021) Ref:- The Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC, Division), New Delhi vide letter No. 8-34/2022-FC, dated 29/08/2023. Your attention is drawn to the letter under reference. In this context, the Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC, Division), New Delhi has sought compliance on 05 points (copy enclosed). It is therefore requested to obtain compliance of the shortcomings from the user agency and submit with all relevant documents in English to this office for further submission to the Ministry for consideration of the proposal for approval Encl:- As above (Naresh Zurmure) Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag Forest Division, Pune for information and necessary action. Copy to the Executive Engineer, Hatawane Medium Project Division, Kamarli-Pen, Taluka Pen, Dist. Raigad for information and necessary action. मार्थित कारी मारी में अनुस्व का अने वारी स्त्रम् .

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 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

Sd/-

Suneet Bhardwaj

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

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

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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

2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;

 The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;

4. User Agency;

Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.