

**Forest land- Raigad
Diversion of 263.5406 ha. Forest land
under Van (Sanrakshan Evam
Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for
Construction of Sambarkund Medium
Irrigation Project at Village Mahan,
Taluka Alibag District Raigad in the
State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD- 2022/C.R.294/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 06.11.2025**

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/I.D.-13714(78)/1817/2022-23, dt.15.10.2022.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 2022/C.R.294/F-10, dt.18.11.2022.
- 3) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India, New Delhi Letter, dt. 02.08.2024.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-142819/Thane/2481/2023-24, dt.05.02.2025.
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-142819/Thane/306/2023-24, dt.13.05.2025.
- 5) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 2022/C.R.294/F-10, dt.10.02.2025.
- 6) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India, New Delhi Letter dt. 03.06.2025.
- 7) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA/S2/PID-142819/Thane/2025-26/703, dt.24.06.2025.
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/PID-142821/1231/2025-26, dt.22.08.2025.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 263.5406 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Construction of Sambarkund Medium Irrigation Project at Village Mahan, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide under letter reference No.2 has sent the proposal for approval of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 263.5406 ha. forest Land for the above project under section 2 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letters under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra and Government of India;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.5 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi, vide under reference no. 6 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 263.5406 ha. of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Hetwane Medium Project Division, Kamarli-Pen, Raigad for Construction of Sambarkund Medium Irrigation Project at Village Mahan, Taluka Alibag District Raigad in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.7 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 263.5406 ha. consisting of Reserved Forest, Restored to Owner U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975, Finally Acquired private Forest U/S22 A MPF Act, 1975 Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Executive Engineer, Hetwane Medium Project Division, Kamarli-Pen, Raigad for Construction of Sambarkund Medium Irrigation Project at Village Mahan, Taluka Alibag District Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 02.08.2024 and dated 03.06.2025 of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall ensure the strict compliance of the

conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.

2. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statutory duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi letters dated 02.08.2024 and dated 03.06.2025, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Schedule

Sr No.	Item of work / purpose	Taluka	Village	Compt. no.	Survey No.	Gut No.	Area (in ha.)	Status
1	Submergence	Alibag	Mahan	210	--	--	2.8466	Reserved Forest
				197	--	--	1.0296	
				199	--	--	8.9474	
				199	--	--	10.9362	
				200	--	--	3.3514	
				201	--	--	15.4796	
				201	--	--	0.7924	
				195	--	--	20.4426	
				196	--	--	62.9774	
				197	--	--	39.4587	
				--	26/0	54	8.0200	Reserved

				--	81/0	135	9.9600	Forest (IFA,192 7U/s 4)
				--	73/0	125	1.7343	
				--	51/0	94	7.6690	
				--	47/P	91	7.7953	Restored to Owner U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	54/0	98	1.1800	
				--	57/0	103	0.3700	
				--	109/1	177/P	5.7783	Reserved Forest U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	107/0	175	1.9630	Restored to Owner U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	109/2	175	0.4000	
				--	68/0	110/P	8.4984	Reserved Forest U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	97/1B	167	0.2700	Restored to Owner U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	22/2	52/P	1.2600	
					22/1	53/P	3.0800	
				--	31/2/1	60	0.5100	
				--	31/2/3, 31/2/4, 31/2/6	61/P	0.5400	
				--	31/2/5	62	0.3000	
				--	31/4	71	0.2700	
				--	97/1A	168	1.0600	
				--	97/2	169/P	1.3500	

				--	59/0	105	0.5300	
				--	61/0	108	1.8200	
				--	15/1C	36	1.6600	
2	Submergence	Pen	Shuhu	211	--	--	4.9298	Reserved Forest
				210	--	--	1.0315	
3	Damseat	Alibag	Mahan	195	--	--	3.8708	Reserved Forest
				--	109/1	177/P	1.5512	
				--	120/2	180/P	0.0708	U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	120/3	178	1.1600	Restored to Owner U/S 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	15/5B	32	0.1600	
				--	15/2	33/P	0.0500	
				--	15/5/A	34/P	0.5300	
				--	15/1B	35/P	0.1114	
				--	9/6	28	0.5200	
				--	15/4	31	0.0300	
				--	15/5C	27/P	0.0400	Reserved Forest U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	9/7	15/P	0.2078	
				--	15/3	24	0.0300	Restored to Owner U/S 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
4	Waste Weir	Alibag	Mahan	201	--	--	5.0921	Reserved Forest
5	Tail Channel			--	115/0	185	0.1620	Restored to Owner U/S 22 A
				--	120/7	186	0.7900	

6	Approach Road	Alibag	Mahan	--	120/20	199	0.1484	of MPF Act, 1975
				--	120/23	203	0.0956	
7	Approach Road	Alibag	Ramraj	--	54/0	112	2.6029	Reserved Forest U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
8	Left Pipe Distribution Network	Alibag	Mahan	--	120/23	203/P	0.0954	Restored to Owner U/S 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
			Ramraj	--	54	112/P	1.7594	Reserved Forest U/S 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	85/1	195/P	0.8498	Finally Acquired private Forest U/S22 A MPF Act, 1975
				--	85/2	193/P	0.0471	Restored to Owner U/S 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	116	282/P	0.4987	
			Malade	--	7/12	13/P	0.2068	Reserved Forest (IFA,1927 U/s 4)
9	Right Pipe Distribution Network	Alibag	Mahan	--	9/7	15/P	0.0122	Reserved Forest U/S 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	9/1	258/P	0.0633	

				--	145	246/P	0.1650	Restored Forest U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	138/1	230/P	0.0183	
			Moronde	--	3/1,3/2 B	100/P	0.1489	
			Umate	--	20/4	--	0.0235	
				--	42/P	--	0.3027	
				--	43/P	--	0.0269	
				--	49/P	--	0.3269	
				--	13/P	--	0.4623	
			Borghar	--	54/P	208/1, 2	0.2566	
				--	55/P	Forest	0.6200	
				--	59	214/P	0.0386	
			Beloshi	--	190/2	454/P	0.1143	Restored Forest U/s 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	190/1	455/P	0.1042	
			Mahajane	--	82/1/A	294/P	0.0402	
				--	82/1B	293/P	0.0326	
				--	74/3	287/P	0.0352	
				--	74/1	235/P	0.0894	
				--	63/0	223/P	0.2558	Reserved Forest U/S 22 A of MPF Act, 1975
				--	71/1B	190/P	0.0062	
				--	68/4	180/P	0.0646	
				--	8/0	25/P	0.3088	Reserved Forest (IFA,192 7 U/s 4)
				--	24/0	68/P	0.1733	
				--	44/0	179/P	0.1714	
				--	81/1	295/P	0.2874	
			Valvali	--	70/2	--	0.1876	Restored to Owner U/S 22 A of MPF Act,
				--	66/P	--	0.1920	
			Malyan	--	20/1+2	83/P	0.0743	

					+3			1975
				--	441/P	--	0.0164	Reserved Forest (IFA, 1927 U/s 4)
Total Forest Land (in ha.)							263.5406	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Subhash Rathod)
Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
8. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane.
9. Collector, Raigad.
10. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Raigad.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.
12. Executive Engineer, Hetwane Medium Project Division, Kamarli-Pen, Raigad.
13. Select File, Desk F-10.

- I. Collector- Raigad, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Raigad and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

- II. Executive Engineer, Hetwane Medium Project Division, Kamarli-Pen, Raigad, is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc., along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.