

**Forest Land- Sindhudurg  
Diversion of 18.94 ha. forest land for  
construction of Minor Irrigation Tank  
in Village Nirukhe, Taluka-Kudal,  
Dist. Sindhudurg in the State of  
Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.: FLD-2022/CR-285/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.  
Date: 28.04.2026**

**Ref.:**

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-13121/(29)/1603/2022-23, dt.27.09.2022.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 2022/C.R.285/F-10, dt.20.03.2023.
- 3) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FC-II/MH-211/2023-NGP/12885, dt. 15.02.2024.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-127453/Kolhapur/25-26/783, dt.02.07.2025.
- 5) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 2022/C.R.285/F-10, dt.08.07.2025.
- 6) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No.FC-II/MH-211/2023-NGP/14484, dt. 18.07.2025.
- 7) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-127453/Kolhapur/25-26/2458, dt.14.01.2026.

**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 18.94 ha. forest land for construction of Minor Irrigation Tank in Village Nirukhe, Taluka-Kudal, Dist. Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide under letter reference No.2 has sent the proposal for approval of Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 18.94 ha. Reserved & Identified Forest land for the above project under section 2 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 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 letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide under letter reference No.5 has sent the proposal for approval of the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no.6 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 18.94 ha. of forest land in favour of The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Oros-Sindhudurg for construction of Minor Irrigation Tank in Village Nirukhe, Taluka-Kudal, Dist. Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter 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 18.94 ha. consisting of Reserved & Identified Forest 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. The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Oros-Sindhudurg for construction of Minor Irrigation Tank in Village Nirukhe, Taluka-Kudal, Dist. Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra;

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 15.02.2024 and dated 18.07.2025 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. 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 Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur 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. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 15.02.2024 and dated 18.07.2025, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
3. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur 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) Adhinyam, 1980.

**Schedule**

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Taluka	District	Item of work / purpose	No. of item	Survey & Gut No.	L. X W. (in M.)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1.	Nirukhe	Kudal	Sidhurdurg	Submergence area	1	125/1, 125/2, 125/3, 130/1, 143/1, 149/2A, 149/2B, 152/1, 152/2	-	10.386	RF & Identified Forest
2.				Dam seat	1	125/1, 125/2, 152/1, 152/2	326.00 x 240.00	7.824	RF
3.				Tail channel	1	192/1, 192/4	131.00 X 45.00	0.590	RF & Identified Forest
4.				Approach road	1	192/4	155.55 X 9.00	0.140	RF & Identified Forest
<b>Grand Total</b>								<b>18.94</b>	

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

(Sanjay Jadhav)

**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, 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. Collector, Sindhudurg.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Sindhudurg.
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Kolhapur.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Sawantwadi.
12. The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Oros-Sindhudurg.
13. Select File (F-10)

- I. Collector- Sindhudurg, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Sindhudurg and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sawantwadi 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. The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Oros-Sindhudurg, 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), Kolhapur, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sawantwadi.
- 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.