

CENTRAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE
(CONSTITUTED BY THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) No. 202/95 & 171/96)

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File No. 2-42/CEC/SC/2008

Dated 28th April, 2008

SUPREME COURT MATTER

To

Shri Johnny Joseph
Chief Secretary
Government of Maharashtra
Mumbai

Sub: IA No. 2079-2080 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 referred to the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) by the Hon'ble Supreme Court by order dated 23.11.2007 regarding forest land for Kondwa Budurk, Taluka Haveli, District Pune, Maharashtra.

Sir,

IA No. 2079-2080 on the above subject has been referred to the CEC by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for giving its report. In exercise of the powers vested with the CEC, Mr. J.N. Saxena, former PCCF, Maharashtra has been co-opted as a "Special Invitee" by the CEC for the purpose of examination of the issues raised in the present IA.

After examination of the relevant document, site visit and discussions with the concerned officials / persons, Mr. Saxena has submitted his report dated 22.4.2008 to the CEC, a copy of which is enclosed. In the said report interalia it has been observed that reserved forest area in survey No. 21, Kondwa Bk has been allotted to 4 persons in gross violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act and the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order. The permission granted for the sale of the said land to Richi Rich C.H.S. and for the construction of a housing complex on the said land is illegal. An approach road has also been constructed in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, and orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court. It has been recommended that deterrent action should



and orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court. It has been recommended that deterrent action should be taken against the present DCF, Pune and his immediate supervisor CCF, Pune, Collector Pune and the present PCCF, Maharashtra Forest Department.

A meeting to consider the various issues raised in the present IA and the report of the "Special Invitee" of the CEC has been convened on 12.5.2008 from 3.00 P.M. onwards in the office of the CEC at IInd Floor, Chankya Bhawan, Chankyapuri, New Delhi 110021. It is requested that the Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), the Additional Chief Secretary (Forest), the PCCF, the Commissioner Pune, the CCF Pune, the Collector Pune, the DCF Pune and other concerned officials may please be deputed to attend the meeting alongwith the relevant documents. The State Government may also file their written submission in the matter before the meeting. The officials against whom deterrent action has been recommended in the report of the "Special Invitee" may, if they so wish, file their written submissions.

In exercise of powers vested with the CEC, you are separately being invited to attend the meeting as a "Special Invitee" of the CEC.

Yours faithfully,



(M.K. Jiwrajka)
Member Secretary

Copy to:

- i) Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya Mumbai alongwith a copy of the report of the "Special Invitee". He is requested to provide the report of the "Special Invitee" to the concerned officials in the Revenue Department.
- ii) Additional Chief Secretary (Forest), Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya Mumbai alongwith a copy of the report of the "Special Invitee". He is requested to provide