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Chief Executive Officer

Ref. No. MCHI/CEO/15-16/170

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**Sub : Development in ECO-Sensitive zone near Sanjay Gandhi National Park**

Dear

Recently Asst. Conservator of Forest, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali has written a letter under no 366/2015-16 dt. 03/12/15 to Dy. Ch.E.(B.P.) E.S. wherein it is stated that projects under construction or proposed having built up area more than 20,000.00 sq.mt. NOC from National Board of Wild Life (NBWL) is necessary.

As per the Office Memorandum issued Ministry of Environment and Forest under no. J-1101/41/2006-IA.II(I) dt. 02/12/2009 and subsequent Office Memorandum dt.18/05/2012 and subsequent letter written by Chief Conservator of Sanjay Gandhi National Park on 03/12/2014, all this suggests that NBWL's NOC is required for the buildup area exceeding 20,000.00sq.mt. for NBWL permission.

Reportedly, it is noticed that on the directions issued by the Asst. Conservator of Forest, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, no CC for further construction is being considered, without the NOC/Permission from NBWL. The order of the National Green Tribunal, we have already taken up for the necessary clarification on the implementation of that order, which states "no further construction permission shall be granted to any new projects in area until the proposal forwarded by State of Maharashtra is duly notified by MoEF/NBWL with respect to the distance from the protected areas/National Park, at least to keep the status quo."

From the order it appears that the restrictions for the issue of construction permission is only for "new projects in area" but it is reported that the order is being applied to the ongoing as well as old projects and difficulties are being faced by our Developers. Moreover, there is already Environment Clearance exemption for the construction for the area less than 20,000 sq.mt.

We fail to understand why such stringent view is being taken rather than solving the issues, all the construction work are being stopped.

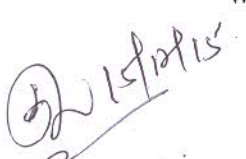
We humbly request to kindly give instructions of zonal officers not to curtail development within 20,000.00 sq. mt. and ongoing projects within 10 km from Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

Kindly do the needful and oblige.

Yours

  
(S. S. Hussain)

To,  
**Shri Ajoy Mehta (I.A.S.)**  
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Pr to me.