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Dated: 23.07.2019

To

The Principal Secretary,
Urban Development Department,
Government of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road,
Mumbai-400 032, Maharashtra.

Subject: Zonal Master Plan (ZMP) of Matheran Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) in Maharashtra-reg

Sir,

This has reference to your letters No. TPS-1218/2888/CR/120/18/UD-12 dated 20.06.2018, 06.09.2018 and MMRDA's letter No. MMRDA/PPD/MESZ/ZMP/454/2018 dated 19.09.2018 regarding the Zonal Master Plan (ZMP) of Matheran Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) in Maharashtra.

2. As per the provisions of Eco-Sensitive Zone notification of Matheran, the Zonal Master Plan (ZMP) was to be prepared by the State Government within a period of two years from the date of publication of notification i.e. 04.02.2003 and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
3. The Government of Maharashtra has submitted the comprehensive ZMP of Matheran ESZ vide their letter dated 20.06.2018 to this Ministry for approval. The consolidated ZMP was considered by the Expert Committee on ESZ in its meeting held on 14th September 2018 and 10th October 2018. After detailed deliberations the ZMP was recommended for approval subject to certain conditions.
4. Considering the conditions of the recommendations of the ZMP, the Government of Maharashtra integrated an additional chapter (Chapter-11) in the ZMP incorporating the conditions suggested by the Expert Committee on ESZ and submitted to the Ministry for approval on 02.04.2019.

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5. The same was considered by the Expert Committee on ESZ in its meeting held on 3rd June 2019. After detailed deliberation on the ZMP and views presented by the Government of Maharashtra, the ESZ Expert Committee recommended the Draft ZMP (2016-2036) for approval. The Competent Authority in the Ministry has also approved the ZMP (2016-2036) for Matheran ESZ in Maharashtra.

6. Accordingly, the Ministry hereby communicates its approval to the ZMP (2016-2036) of Matheran ESZ in Maharashtra as per the views submitted by Government of Maharashtra Vide letter No. TPS-1218/2888/CR/120/18/UD-12 dated 20.06.2018 and subsequent letter dated 06.09.2018 and MMRDA's letter No. MMRDA/PD/MESZ/ZMP/454/2018 dated 19.09.2018 including additional Chapter '11' as modified vide letter dated 03.06.2019 in terms of the minutes of Expert Committee dated 03.06.2019:

- I. The biodiversity conservation plan shall be prepared as per the guidelines of State Biodiversity Board and effectively implemented.
- II. The State Government shall explore the possibility of Rain water harvesting in the existing buildings in Matheran town, keeping in view of water requirements.
- III. The State Government shall prepare specific plan for revival of springs and water bodies to avoid contamination of water in Matheran.
- IV. The State Government shall implement zero waste disposal policy for solid waste by March 2021.
- V. The State Government shall strictly abide all the provisions of the Matheran ESZ Notification.

7. The Zonal Master Plan (2016-2036) of Matheran, Maharashtra modified as per above suggestions shall be submitted to this Ministry for reference.

With regards,

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