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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

DO Letter No.NAX-0223/C.R. 50(Part-1)/Spl-1B

Date : 18.02.2025

Sub :- Request to Activate Sandra FOB at Damrancha in Gadchiroli District for early completion of strategic bridge on Indravati.

Dear Amitabh,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is to bring to your kind attention that the strategically important bridge on Indravati River connecting Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh near Damrancha SPS of Gadchiroli has received approval from the competent authority. The upcoming construction of the Sandra Bridge marks a significant development for this region, as it will facilitate access to the National Park Area in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh. Since this bridge, provides access into National Park Area, there will be huge opposition to construction by Maoists and there is high possibility of arson of construction equipment's, killing of construction workers by them to derail this project, making it more important to provide protection to this ambitious project by security forces of both the States.

The construction of the bridge abutting the State of Maharashtra has already started from October 2024, and to provide necessary protection for the construction of this bridge as other side abutting the State of Chhattisgarh, it is essential that Maharashtra Police and Chhattisgarh Police function jointly and conduct area domination exercises. For this, activating a temporary Sandra FOB by the CG Police at Damrancha SPS will help provide protection to the construction of bridge. Once the bridge is functional and connecting roads are built, the FOB may be shifted on Chhattisgarh side to fill the security vacuum.

At Damrancha SPS, Gadchiroli Police has already built infrastructure for a Joint Task Force, which can accommodate any force that may be deployed there by CG Police. Barracks for men, accommodation for officers, and a temporary administrative office can also be provided by Gadchiroli Police.

Given the importance of the Sandra Bridge and the security implications it brings, it is requested that activate Sandra FOB at SPS Damrancha at the earliest for completion of bridge.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

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