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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

***Sub: Reconstitution of Monitoring Committee under the Notification S.O. 416 (E), dated 20.06.1991 declaring Dahanu Taluka area located in Palghar District of Maharashtra as an Eco Fragile Area – withdrawal - reg.***

Pursuant to the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1996, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, constituted Dhanuka Taluka Environment Protection Authority (DTEPA) in the then district of Thane, Maharashtra, under the Chairmanship of Justice Chandrashekhar Shanker Dharmadhikari (retired Judge of High Court of Bombay).

2. After the demise of Justice Chandrashekhar Shanker Dharmadhikari, Chairperson (retired Judge of High Court, Bombay), this Ministry, as an interim arrangement, had issued an Office Memorandum No. 25/120/2015-ESZ, dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 regarding reconstitution of the said Authority under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary / Principle Secretary (UD-1), Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra. Inadvertently, the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding the Authority to be headed by a retired High Court judge was missed out.

3. As the lapse came to our notice during the hearing on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the aforesaid Office Memorandum No. 25/120/2015-ESZ dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, regarding reconstitution of DTEPA as an interim arrangement, is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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2. The Principle Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, New Administrative Bhavan, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032, Maharashtra.
3. The Chairman and the Members of the Monitoring Committee.

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