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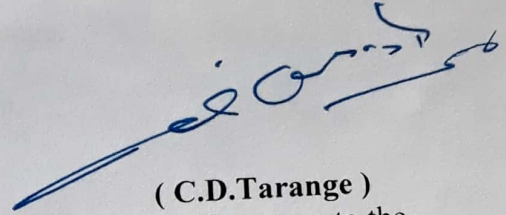
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under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

**PART - V**

(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other  
authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the  
State Government**

The Proposal is recommended  
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No.FLD-2018/CR-245/F-10  
Dated: 24.08.2018



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To,

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Government of India  
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi.-110003.

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Sir,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 56.86 ha. of Forest Land for Construction of Kotgal Barrage in Gadchiroli and Chandrapur district of Maharashtra State. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below:-

Sr. No	Item	Village	Survey/Gat No.	Compt. No.	Area (ha.)	Legal status
<b>A] Gadchiroli District</b>						
1	Construction of Kotgal Barrage Project	Kotgal	185/1,212,202,203,206, 207,214/1,245,362,289, 302/1,306,280,367,259, 262,264,208,695,696, 211/1,213/1,313/1	--	15.299	Zudpi Jungle
2		Wisapur	106	--	0.48	Zudpi Jungle
3		Gadchiroli	272,305,293,545,594, 596,124,123	--	2.408	Zudpi Jungle
4		Mahadwadi	69,68	--	0.525	Protected Forest
5		Sakhara	515,517,519,512	615	7.03	Zudpi Jungle
			282,393,516,514	--	28.16	Protected Forest
		Katali	281	--	0.57	Zudpi Jungle
6		Churchura (Mal)	199,37	--	0.905	Protected Forest



7		Dibhana (Chak)	2,3,83	--	0.303	
<b>Total Forest land in Gadchiroli, district</b>					<b>55.68</b>	
<b>B] Chandrapur District</b>						
8		Nafandra	700,646,648,649, 639	--	0.690	Zudpi Jungle
9		Bormala	58,59,78,84	--	0.49	Zudpi Jungle
<b>B] Total Forest land in Chandrapur, district</b>					<b>1.180</b>	
<b>Grand Total (A+B)</b>					<b>56.860</b>	

2. The proposal has been initiated by Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Chandrapur for diversion of 56.860 ha. Zudpi Jungle land/Protected Forest land for construction Kotal Barrage project under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed project shall benefit 20 villages of Gadchiroli, district. The total irrigable command area of the project is 6620 ha. The storage capacity of Barrage is 59.524 Mm<sup>3</sup> and average annual utilization is 103.22 Mm<sup>3</sup>. The basic aim of the proposed project is to provide water availability for three lift irrigation schemes and virgin command on the banks of rivers in Naxal prone Gadchiroli, district in the State of Maharashtra. The proposed forest land for this project is mainly required for submergence in low lying areas below designed level. The water utilization of the project is as under-

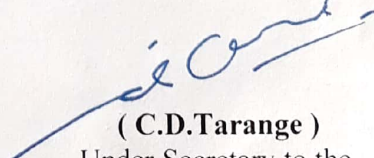
Sr. No	Schemes	Water Utilization Mm <sup>3</sup>
1	Kotgal LIS	19.869
2	Porla Wasa LIS	20.614
3	Gogaon LIS	3.99
4	Virgin command	6.18
5	Drinking water provision	10
6	Industrial water provision	20
7	Evaporation losses	20.791
<b>Total Utilization</b>		<b>103.444</b>

3. The Project is administratively approved by the Government of Maharashtra, Water Resources Department, Government Resolution No.AA-2011/776/ (263/2011)/WRD, dt.05/11/2011. The total non-forest area involved in the project is 376.96 ha. The site inspection report of the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa Forest Division, Wadsa, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur are enclosed with the proposal.
4. There are 481 trees of various species and girth coming in the submergence area proposed for diversion.
5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli and Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur have certified that there is no cutting and felling of trees involved in the implementation of the project.



6. The District Collector, Gadchiroli, District Collector, Chandrapur, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa Forest Division, Wadsa, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli Forest Division, Gadchiroli and Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur have certified that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.
7. The user agency has agreed to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land.
8. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
9. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli and Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur have certified that the area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
10. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Gadchiroli and Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur have certified that the proposed project is beyond 10 km of boundaries of the Protected Area (Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park)
11. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli and Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur have certified that the area involved in the project does not affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
12. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli and Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur have certified that there is no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
13. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha has given suitability for 114.00 ha zudpi jungle land for compensatory afforestation and certified that it is contiguous & suitable for management purpose and it is free from encroachment and encumbrances.
14. The User Agency has submitted the certificates of Collector, Chandrapur and Collector, Gadchiroli under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.
15. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
16. In the circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said Forest land may be allowed to be diverted on the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government at earlier.

Yours faithfully,

  
( C.D. Tarange )  
Under Secretary to the  
Government of Maharashtra  
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Encl: A) Set of case papers

b) **The following documents are enclosed:-**

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Area Statement
4. Index map of suitable scale
5. An undertaking of Project Authority for Net Present Value.
6. Brief note of the project from the project authority.
7. Map of proposed land for compensatory afforestation
8. Site Inspection Report.
9. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
10. Certificate in Part V.

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State Nagpur.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/NC/I/I.D./940/17-18, Dated: 25.07.2018
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli/ Chandrapur.
6. Collector, Gadchiroli/ Chandrapur.
7. Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Chandrapur.
8. Select file F-10.

Proposal Received.

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S. S. Sagare.  
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