

Sub.: Forest Land-Bhandara.

Diversion of 6.537 ha of Forest Land for construction of feeder canal for providing water from Bawanthadi main canal to Sorna Medium Project.

PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary Incharge 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
vide Government letter
No. FLD-2018/C.R.216/F-10
Dated: 19.07.2018



(C.D. Tarange)
Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

For and on behalf of the Secretary,
Forest Department, Maharashtra
Government of Maharashtra
Bhandara
19.07.2018

Place: Nagpur

Date: 19.07.2018

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Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
Madame Cama Road, Mantralaya,
Mumbai-400032
Date:- 19.07.2018

To,
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office, West Central Region,
Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,
Nagpur-440 001.

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Ref: Regional Office , MoEF&CC's letter No. FC-I/MH-96/20108-NGP/3699, dated 09.04.2018

Sir,
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer had submitted a proposal for diversion of 2.57 ha. Forest Land for providing water from Bawanthadi main canal to Sorna Medium Project. The water from the Bawanthadi main canal through feeder to Nala which will be feed to Sorna Medium Project. However, the forest area coming under the Nala was not proposed for diversion by the Water Resources Department. There is a probability that another agency may have proposed other project on this Nala. Hence, with reference to above referred letter GoM is submitting a revised proposal for diversion of 6.537 ha. which includes area under Nala also. so that the entire RoW comes under the right of the Water Resources Department.

2. The details of proposed forest land for diversion are as follows :-

Item of Works	Village / Dist.	Compt. No.	Area (ha.)	Legal Status
Canal	--	54	5.824	Reserved Forest
Nalla	Rampur Bhandara Dist. Bhandara	356	0.713	
Total Forest Land (ha.)			6.537	

3. This project will help to increase area under ruby / Summer Irrigation which will improve financial condition of the beneficiaries. The Project is administratively

approved by the Government of Maharashtra vide Government Resolution dated 03.08.2017.

4. The proposed area having density less than 0.5 of Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest.
5. The Conservator of Forests have certified that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.
6. The project involves felling of 1018 trees.
7. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.
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9. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara certified that the proposed area is not included in National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
10. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara has certified that the proposed project not likely to affect any monuments site of cultural, historical, religious archeological or recreational importance.
11. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara has certified that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
12. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara has certified that the proposed area is beyond 10 km of boundaries of Protected area. i.e. Koka Wildlife Sanctuary.
13. The User Agency has submitted a copy of Resolution of Aam sabha of concerned Gram Panchayats favoring diversion.
14. The User Agency has submitted the certificate of Collector, Bhandara under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006 for 2.57 ha. of proposed Forest Land. For the balance forest land, User Agency shall be Submitting FRA certificate before Stage-I approval.
15. The Compensatory Afforestation will be raised over 13.50 ha. of double degraded Zudpi Jungle land which is notified u/s 4 of Indian Forest Act, 1927.
16. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara has certified that 13.50 ha of Zudpi Jungle land at Survey No 206/1, 237 of Village-Usarra, Tal-Mohadi, Dist-Bhandara proposed for Compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation and Management purpose also it is free from encroachment and encumbrances.
17. 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.
18. In the circumstances explained in above paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted

for the non-forestry use on the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State except condition no. (ii) & (iii). The matter may kindly be placed before Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the same may please be obtained and communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,


(C.D. Tarange)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

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. Brief note of the project from the Project Authority
6. Map of Zudpi Land for Compensatory Afforestation
7. Site Inspection Report.
8. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
9. Certificate in Part-V

Copy to:

1. Secretary (Tribal), Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur with reference to his letter no. Desk-17/NC/I/I.D-18-19, dated 13.07.2018.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), M. S., Nagpur.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
5. Collector, Bhandara.
6. Executive Engineer, Bhandara Irrigation Division, Dist. Bhandara.
7. Select File F-10.