

## Government of Maharashtra

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Revenue and Forest Department,  
Madam Cama Road,  
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032.  
Dated: 28.07.2022

To,  
Regional Officer (Central),  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Government of India, Nagpur-440 001.

**Subject: Forest Land-Gadchiroli**

Diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation), 1980 for up-gradation of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha road, NH-353 C in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation), 1980 for up-gradation of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha road, NH-353 C in the State of Maharashtra.

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

NH-353C ASHTI TO SIRONCHA COMPARTMENT WISE AREA STATEMENT (DIVISION-SIRONCHA (T.))										
Sr. no	Taluka	Village Name	Range	Comp.No.	Survey No. / Gut No.	Forest Area				Legal status
						Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr	Area in Sqmt.	Area in Ha	
1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Aheri	Nandigaon	Kamalapur	KP179, PP206, PP205,	87, 102, 101, 85, 16, 71, 14	3128.51	22.00	68827.277	6.883	RF
2	Aheri	Guddigudam	Pranhita	PP180	13, 12, 55, 57, 15, 20, 10, 14,	1006.080	22.00	22133.760	2.213	PF
3	Aheri	Timaram S	Kamalapur	KP178	142, 185	144.161	22.00	3171.534	0.317	PF
4	Aheri	Forest	Pranhita	PP181, PP182	Forest	1422.246	22.00	31289.408	3.129	RF
	Aheri	Forest	Kamalapur	KP178, KP175	Forest	1422.246	22.00	31289.408	3.129	RF
5	Aheri	Golakarji	Pranhita	PP183, PP186	4, 3, 51	2503.063	22.00	55067.387	5.507	PF



5	Aheri	Chalewada	Pranhita	PP 186, PP187, PP188, PP189, PP190, PP191, PP192	Forest	6275.345	22.00	138057.581	13.806	RF
7	Aheri	Tatigudam	Kamalapur	KP146, KP145	89	786.103	22.00	17294.266	1.729	PF
3	Aheri	Repanpalli	Kamalapur	KP 145	106, 107, 108, 109	999.751	22.00	21994.532	2.199	PF
	Aheri	Repanpalli	Pranhita	PP191, PP192	81, 114, 113, 112, 118, 120/1	1002.205	22.00	22048.510	2.205	PF
9	Aheri	Gundera	Jimalgatta	JP261	8, Road, 59, Nalla, 54, 4, 56	1103.589	22.00	24278.961	2.428	PF
0	Aheri	Govindgaon	Jimalgatta	JP259, JP258, JP257	171, 29, Road	3032.571	22.00	66716.554	6.672	PF
1		Forest	Jimalgatta	JA088,	Forest	1501.885	22.00	33041.470	3.304	RF
	Aheri	FDCM	Jimalgatta	JA058		1100.896	22.00	24219.705	2.422	RF
2	Aheri	Damaram Rith & FDCM	Jimalgatta	JA057	3	429.790	22.00	9455.388	0.946	RF
3	Aheri	Umanur S, FD & FDCM	Jimalgatta	JP331, JP332	48, 50	1170.223	22.00	25744.901	2.574	PF
4	Aheri	Suddagudam	Jimalgatta	JP 253	103	399.151	22.00	8781.330	0.878	PF
5	Aheri	FDCM	Jimalgatta	JP330	Forest	1391.607	22.00	30615.354	3.062	PF
6	Sironcha	Forest	Bamni	SA044, SA045 SA046, SA047, SA052	Forest	5193.374	22.00	114254.228	11.425	RF
7	Sironcha	Forest	Bamni	SA048	Forest	600.000	22.00	13200.000	1.320	RF
8	Sironcha	Rompalli	Bamni	SA051	164, 165, 165, 68, Road, 35, 154, Nalla	2274.351	22.00	50035.721	5.004	RF
9	Sironcha	Kamalpetha Raytwari	Bamni	SA049, SA050 SP006, SB003 SB004	Forest	4400.560	22.00	96812.320	9.681	RF
0	Sironcha	Kamalpetha Raytwari	Bamni		Forest	600.000	22.00	13200.000	1.320	RF
1	Sironcha	Bamni	Bamni	SP009	Forest	2559.774	22.00	56315.028	5.632	PF
2	Sironcha	Venkatapur	Bamni	SB005	Forest	2131.964	22.00	46903.216	4.690	RF
3	Sironcha	Garkapeth	Bamni	SP013	Forest	548.087	22.00	12057.914	1.206	PF

24	Sironcha	Raipetha urph Pochampalli	Bamni	SB014	49	23.934	22.00	526.555	0.053	RF
25	Sironcha	Forest	Bamni	SB005, SB006, SB008, SB009	Forest	6341.245	22.00	139507.390	13.951	RF
26	Sironcha	Viyamapalli	Sironcha		65, 66, 64	232.022	22.00	5104.490	0.510	PF
27	Sironcha	Rangayapalli V.L.	Sironcha		214, 213, 312, 217	249.284	22.00	5484.257	0.548	PF
28	Sironcha	Amravati V.L.	Sironcha	SP021	16, 48, 15, 13, 237, 238, 1, 45, 50, 51, Road, 52, 65, 68, 69, 70, 86, 87, 91, 230, 233, 177, 176, 175, 174, 169, 168, 242, 111, 98,	1110.420	22.00	24429.249	2.443	PF
29	Sironcha	Karaspalli V.L.	Sironcha		225, 199, 226, 202, 205, 202, 195, Road, 197, 196	1008.000	22.00	22175.993	2.218	PF
30	Sironcha	Bhogapur V.L.	Sironcha		57	257.239	22.00	5659.256	0.566	PF
31	Sironcha	Narayanpur	Sironcha	SB011	202	59.828	22.00	1316.212	0.132	RF
	Sironcha	Narayanpur	Sironcha	SB012	114	1013.024	22.00	22286.534	2.229	RF
32	Sironcha	Mendaram Rai.Chak	Sironcha		87, 80	95.955	22.00	2111.016	0.211	PF
33		Forest	Sironcha	SB012, SB013	Forest	1781.917	22.00	39202.181	3.920	RF
34	Sironcha	Brahmanpalli Rai.	Sironcha		48, 49, 50	127.400	22.00	2802.800	0.280	PF
35	Sironcha	Yeracheru	Sironcha	SP023	58	153.813	22.00	3383.892	0.338	PF
36	Sironcha	Aadimuttapur	Sironcha					0.000	0.000	



7	Sironcha	Sironcha Mal	Sironcha		71, 49, 328, 367, 10, 2, 329	464.966	22.00	10229.253	1.023	Pf
8	Sironcha	Sironcha Rai.	Sironcha		Gaothan			0.000	0.000	Gaothan
	<b>Total of Sironcha Rai. Village</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>60046.583</b>	<b>880.000</b>	<b>1321024.828</b>	<b>132.102</b>	<b>0.000</b>

3. The total non-forest area involved in the project is 18.193 ha. The project alignment commences from Gadchiroli and terminates at Sironcha over a length of 204.5 km. Presently, State Highway Kilometer markings are at the site and the project corridor appears to start at km 172+650 as per kilometer markings (MSH 11) MSH 11 chainage has been compared with the NH-353 C Chainage and the Up- gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (F.No.10-22/2015-IA-III) starting point, i.e., proposed Chingae of NH-353 C for the present project is km 113+650 at Indira Square Junction in Gadchiroli. The road traverses through Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra via Gadchiroli, Chamorshi, Ashti and Allapalli and reaches end point at Sironcha at Chainage km 318+200. Existing ROW of the Project Road varies from 16.00 m to 22.00 m (in urban area) and in other area it varies from 30 to 60 mtr. on an average. Improved road connectivity is vital for economic growth of a region in particular and Nation in general. They help in transporting men and material effectively to the destination in time. Thus it provides larger market for the product and produce giving remunerative returns to the producers.

**4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha has certified that:-**

- (i) No suitable alternate non-forest land is available and demand for the forest land is minimum.
- (ii) Provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under it have not been violated by the User Agency.
- (iii) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.
- (iv) The proposed project area belongs to Eco value Class -III having Density 0.8 (Very Dense Forest).



- (v) The proposed project is not included in any National Park or Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature reserve. The Pranhita WLS is at a distance to 0.00 KM & Kolmanka Conservation Reserve is at a distance of 8.200 km from the Forest area proposed for diversion.
- (vi) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- (vii) The Sironcha Forest Division shares boundary with Chhatisgarh and Telangana State. The area is prone to Teak Smuggling, therefore amount for construction of Forest Check posts and four wheeler vehicle should be provided by the User Agency.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Nos	Rate	Total	Remark
1	Construction of new Forest Check Post	3	25,00,000/-	75,00,000	For controlling/illicit teak smuggling
2	Four wheeler vehicle	2	15,00,000/-	30,00,000	For monitoring/inspection of proposed road works
	Total			1,05,00,000	

- (viii) Cutting and felling of 22,387 trees involved in the project.

Tree Girth in Cm.						
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	150	Total
10,615	3,636	2,364	2,137	1,645	1,990	22,387

- (ix) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 270.00 ha. degraded forest land.

Details of forest land are as under:-

Sr. No.	District	Degraded Forest land						
		Taluka	Compt. No.	Range	Round	Beat	CA land Polygon (Length in Mtr.)	Area in Ha.
1	Gadchiroli	Aheri	JA088	Jimalgatta	Jimalgatta	Jimalgatta	1305.000	5.000
2		Sironcha	SA002	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam II	1552.00	10.000
3			SA002	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam I	1567.00	15.000
4			SA007	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam II	892.00	5.000
5			SA038	Bamni	Bejjurpalli	Bejjurpalli-I	1088.00	5.000
6			SA063	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	1378.00	5.000
7			SA064	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	2037.00	15.000
8			SA064	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	1600.00	10.000
9			SA356	Sironcha	Sirkonda	Arda	2612.00	30.000
10			SB009	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	2770.00	25.000
11			SB009/1	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	2205.00	25.000
12			SB010	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	3068.00	25.000
13			AA229	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	Pulligudam	2142.00	20.000
14			AP004	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	1293.00	10.000
15			AA302	Asarali	Asarali	Asarali I	1385.00	10.000



16				Total Area	215.000
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Degraded land								
Sr.No	District	Taluka	Compt. No.	Range	Round	Beat	CA land Polygon (Length in Mtr.)	Area in Ha.
1	Gadchiroli	Chamorshi	220	Chaudampalli	Markhanda	Ashti	1453	10.00
2			254		Thakri	Chandank hedi	1207	10.00
3			280		Chaudampalli	Chaudamp alli	1935	10.00
4			312		Chaudampalli	Dhanur	1632	10.00
5			318		Chaudampalli	Dhanur	1938	15.00
					Total			55.00
					Grand Total			270.000

**5. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-**

- 5.1 To defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
  - 5.2 To defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
  - 5.3 To submit the necessary compliance under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act, 2006
6. Addl. PCCF has mentioned that the existing road passes through pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary and Tiger corridor. The proposed upgradation and widening of the road excludes the area of Pranhita Wild-Life Sanctuary and Tiger Corridors. Approximately 22.567 Ha. area falls in Tiger Corridor. The proposed road passes through Pranhita Wild Life Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone. Hence, It is mandatory to obtain a proposal regarding Wildlife Clearance to SBWL and NBWL under Section 38(o) I (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
7. There is tree cover on some part of degraded forest land, proposed for Compensatory Afforestation. Hence, Wherever the Compensatory Afforestation is not possible, different degraded forest land need to be proposed for remaining CA.
8. 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 following conditions:
- a) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
  - b) **Compensatory Afforestation :-**
    - i) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over double degraded forest land, proposed for CA. Wherever the Compensatory Afforestation is not possible because of existing tree cover, different degraded forest land shall be proposed for Compensatory Afforestation. Details of such land will be shared with State and Central Government before final approval.



ii) As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. CA shall be carried for 10 years. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

**c) NPV:-**

- i) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 132.102 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the latest guidelines in this regard.
- ii) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- d) If there is a violation of the FCA, 1980, penalty shall be imposed as per guidelines of Government of India, in this regard and action will be taken accordingly.
- e) All The funds received from the User Agency under the project, except the funds released for regeneration / demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred to ad-hoc CAMPA in the Saving Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned.
- f) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
- g) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- h) The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labours and the Staff Working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
- i) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- j) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- k) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the Proposal.
- l) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- m) No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
- n) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

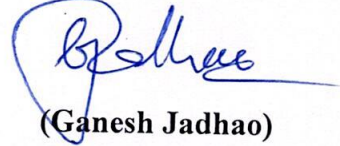


- o) The Nodal Officer shall ensure complete settlement of rights in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its Guidelines issued in this regard along with the compliance of Stage-I approval;
- p) The User Agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nest artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- q) User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- r) Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- s) It shall be mandatory to provide underpass for safe crossing of wild animals
  - (i) The underpass shall have a minimum size of width 4.00 mtr and Height 3.00 mtr.
  - (ii) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then no need to construct New underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimensions, as Suggested in (i) above.
  - (iii) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in (i) above.
  - (iv) Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km.
- s) The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/ Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
- t) The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> July of every year to the GOI office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State
- u) The State Government shall monitor self-compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly reported as on 31<sup>st</sup> December of every year.
- v) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & Wildlife. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force applicable to the projects.



- w) The User Agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance, working permission shall not be granted till the compliance of same.
- x) User Agency shall pay the cost for Forest Check posts as proposed by the Dy.CF

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.



(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the  
Government of Maharashtra

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**Revenue and Forests Department**  
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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. Commitment from the applicant for defraying the cost of compensatory plantation.
5. An undertaking of Project Authority for Net Present Value.
6. Brief note of the project from the project authority
7. Site Inspection Report.
8. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O. (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-12983/875/2022-23, Dt.12.07.2022.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha.
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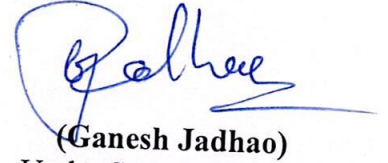
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**PART - V**

(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  
vide Government letter  
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