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Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 29.02.2024

To,

Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Pune

Diversion of 0.0687 ha. Reserved Forest land for construction of approach road passing through Forest Gut No. 2731 of Village Kadus, Taluka Khed, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/Others/123612/2021)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for diversion of 0.0687 ha. Reserved Forest land for construction of approach road passing through Forest Gut No. 2731 of Village Kadus, Taluka Khed, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Item work purpose	Name of Village	Taluka	Dist	Gut No.	Length & Width	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
Construction of approach road passing through Forest Gut No. 2731 of Village - Khadus, Taluka-Khed, Dist. Pune	Kadus	Khed	Pune	2731	229 x 3	0.0687	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Land (Ha.)						0.0687	

2. There is no path way facility available to carry farming material like plough, instruments, manure and bullock can is inaccessible to the farm land. As the need of farming activities, project authority has decided to construct approach water bound macadam road starting from existing Kivale to Ranmala village road to malki farmland which is 229 meter away. The forest area 0.068 ha. to be required to construct approach water bound macadam road which is proposed & passing through forest Gat No. 2731 of village Kadus, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune.

3. **The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Junnar has certified that:-**

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class. III having density is 0.4 (Open Forest)
- 3.3) There are 75 trees of various species required to be felled for implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under-

Tree Girth in Cm.								
0.30 cm	31-45 cm	46-60 cm	61-75 cm	76-90 cm	91-120 cm	121-150 cm	Above 150 cm	Total
52	17	2	3	0	1	0	0	75

- 3.4) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980.
- 3.7) Proposed project is around 30 Km from the boundary of nearest Protected area i.e. Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 3.8) 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.
- 3.9) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 1.00 ha. over degraded forest land in compartment no.261, Gut No.632 at Village Kurkundi, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 3.10) Three alternatives alignment have been examined in detail and have to come to conclusion that the alternative No 1 (having 0.0687 ha) is most suitable for forestry point of view, i.e. This water bound macadam road alignment passes through minimum forest land will be used.
- 3.11) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Junnar has submitted proposal for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons i.e. site specific justification as per as per Para 1.15 of the Handbook under FCA, 1980 issued by GOI.

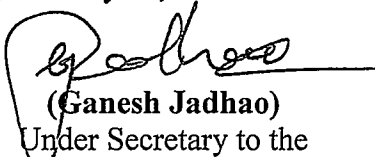
"There is no alternative non forest land available for this purpose. It is not possible to avoid the forest land. The forest area to be diverted is not sensitive for any flora or fauna. Hence regarding this proposal site is specific."

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 4.1 to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
 - 4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
 - 4.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.
5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Junnar & Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune have recommended the proposal for approval under Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
 6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. His recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
 7. 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 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
 8. In the circumstances explained in aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Nagpur as well as following additional condition:-

“User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed Compensatory Afforestation land, at Village-Kurkundi, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune, compartment no.261, Gut No.632, along with Stage-I compliance.”

The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.


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Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Area Statement
3. Undertaking for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
4. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/I.D-13036(23)/2431/2022-23, Dt.19.12.2022
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune.
6. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Junnar.
7. Shri. Vitthal Sopan Karpe, A/P Kadus, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune
8. Select File (F-10)

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PART -V

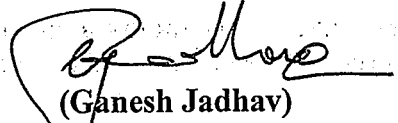
(To be filled up by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the
State Government**

The proposal is recommended
vide Government letter
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