

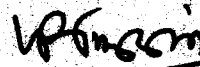
Subject: - Proposal for diversion of 37.512 ha. forest land under section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 for construction of Surewada Lift Irrigation Scheme near Village Surewada Taluka, Bhandara District Bhandara & Village.Khedepar Tahsil-Tirode in Dist. Gondia.

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
No.FLD-3516/CR-138/F-10
Dated: 17/06/2016



(Virendra Tiwari)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Place: Mumbai

Date: 17/06/2016

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Dated: 17/06/2016.

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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Executive Engineer, Gosikhurd Lift Irrigation Division, Ambadi (Bhandara) has initiated proposal for diversion of 37.512 ha. forest land under section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 for construction of Surewada Lift Irrigation Scheme at Village Surewada Tal. Bhandara District Bhandara & village Khedepar Tahsil-Tirode Dist. Gondia. The location of the project proposed area is given as under-

Village	Taluka	District	Comptt. No.	Gut/Survey No.	Area (In ha.)				
					Wildlife Sanctuary RF	RF	PF	ZP	Identified Forest
Surewada	Bhandara	Bhandara	---	---	---	---	---	.070	---
Matora			97	43,521, 536, 541, 548, 593, 589	---	---	0.423	---	---
Saleheti			95	134,136,143,153, 148, 144	---	---	0.627	0.125	0.090
Saleheti Hamesha			96	38	---	---	0.195	---	---
Injewada			94	31,30,159 16,33,35, 67	---	---	4.267	0.150	---
Surpewada			---	77,84,103, 106,127	---	---	---	0.733	---
Koka			90,	426,427,423, 422,421,420, 414,413,415, 411,381,309, 469,	---	---	7.569	---	---

Nagzira Tiger Reserve			164	Wildlife Sanctuary	0.000	---	---	---	---
Sonkund			57	89,76,154 125.27	---	---	1.250	---	---
Palora	Mohadi	Bhandara		407,404,405 405349,490 424	---	---	---	2.383	---
Kesalwada			83	405,409,407, 405,404,403, 407,401,400, 418,399,418 420,427,401 386,377,398,440	---	---	4.308	---	---
Yelkazar			82	289,150,101 297,170,168 282	---	---	3.554	---	---
Lendexan				91,49,561 74.25	---	---	3.250	0.798	---
Kardi				1285,1500	---	---	2.012	0.290	---
Navegaon	Bhandara	Bhandara	89	144,147,148	---	---	0.775	0.135	---
Dongardeo	Mohadi	Bhandara	84	290.28	---	---	0.270	---	---
Gondia Division									
Khedepar	Tirode	Gondia	79	79,80,81,82, 151	---	---	1.579	---	---
Grand Total							37.512	---	---

2. The project for Surewada Lift Irrigation Project has been initiated by Executive Engineer, Gosikhurd Lift Irrigation Division, Ambadi (Bhandara). The project is administratively approved vide Government of Maharashtra Resolution No.2001/1086 (171/01) JSA, Mantralay Mumbai, dt. 29/11/2006. The total non-forest area involved in the project is 74.925 ha.

3. In this project water is proposed to be lifted from the backwater of Gosikhurd Project for Irrigation Purpose. In this project linear forest area is required for underground rising Main and Canal Work only. The project site is located at village Surewada Tal. Bhandara Dist. Bhandara Wainganga River is a major river of Maharashtra in Vidarbha region and tributary of Pranhita in Godawari Basin. The project site is located at 10 km from Bhandara & is 3 km away from Surewada Village and 8 Km from NH-06. The site is shown on Sheet No. 55 O/12 & 55 O/16.

4. The irrigation project is thus an obvious need of the people of this area, which is dominated by the dependency of agriculture on monsoon. This project will enable the farmers to get the profit in Rabi season also. This will further help in the development of agro industries and its natural consequences and cumulative effect would result in the economic upliftment of the economically backward communities as well as tribal area in which Government is keenly interested.

5. The river Waingangā is one of the major tributaries in Godavari basin and has a very high water potential as it runs through high rainfall zone of Vidarbha region. The large water resources from this river, due to constrain of forest land geographical features, suitable irrigation project sites are not available for impounding of water for storage tank and as such the only alternative is to lift the water. There are no irrigation projects near the command area of the proposed scheme except three minor projects.

6. Density of forest is 0.4, Eco Value Class III.

7. District Collector, Bhandara & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Division, Bhandara, and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia, Deputy Director of Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve have certified that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.

8. There are 380 trees falling in the project area in Koka Wildlife Sanctuary and 3423 trees falling in the project area in Bhandara Division, Bhandara. The girth & class wise abstract is given as under:-

Particulars	20-30 cm	31/45 cm	46/60 cm	61/75 cm	76/90 cm	91/105 cm	106/120 cm	120 above	Total
Teak Building Wood	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	7
Non Teak Building Wood	1	24	10	3	4	0	0	0	42
Total	2	26	13	3	4	0	1	0	49
Teak Fuel Wood	10	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	18
Non Teak Fuel Wood	233	91	25	7	3	0	1	2	362
Total	243	96	27	8	3	0	1	2	380

Total 3423 trees are falling in the project area in Bhandara Division, Bhandara

Type of Flora	31/45 cm	61/90 cm	91/120 cm	121/150 cm	150 above	Total
Teak Building Wood	2403	542	234	121	123	3423

9. The area involved in the project forms part of Koka Wildlife Sanctuary. The project lie within 10 kms from the boundary of nearest protected area as certified by Deputy Director,

Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve, of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Division, Bhandara and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia Division, Gondia.

10. The area involved does not affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance as certified Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Division, Bhandara, Deputy Conservator of Forest Gondia Dn Gondia, Dy. Director Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve Sakoli.

11. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, as certified by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Division, Bhandara, Deputy Conservator of Forest Gondia Dn Gondia & Deputy Director Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve.

12. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Division, Bhandara has certified that Gut/Survey no.1109,1112,1113,1114 of village Dighori, Taluka Lakhandur, District Bhandara which is proposed for Compensatory Afforestation is neither a deemed Reserved Forest under the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 nor it has been identified as "Forest" as envisaged in the interim order given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 12/12/1996.

13. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Division, Bhandara has certified that non forest area covered under the project is not private forest 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 the dictionary meaning of Forest as intimated to the Expert Committee appointed under interim judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 12/12/1996.

14. Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Navegaon Nagzira Tiger, Reserve, Gondia has certified that the proposed project is within 5 km of boundaries of New Nagzira Wild Life Sanctuary.

15. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Division, Bhandara & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia has certified that the proposed project is within 10 km of boundaries of the protected area (Sanctuary/National Park).

16. The User Agency has submitted a copy of Resolution of Gram Sabha of concerned Gram Panchayats, favoring diversion.

17. The Project Authority has submitted certificates issued by the District Collector Bhandara & Gondia under Schedule Tribes and Other traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 as per F. NO.11-9/98 FC, dt.5/7/2013.

18. Deputy Director, Navegaon Nagzira Tiger, Reserve has certified that the proposed area is within Koka Sanctuary of Navegaon Nagzira Tiger, Reserve, Sakoli.

19. 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.

20. 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 for the non-forestry use 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,

O/C

[Signature]
17/6/16
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(Virendra Tiwari)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Encl: A) Set of case papers

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)
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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. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of exploitation as well as cost of compensatory plantation
6. An undertaking of Project Authority for Net Present Value
7. Brief note of the project from the project authority
8. Map of non-forest land for compensatory afforestation
9. Site Inspection Report by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara & Gondia.
10. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
11. 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.-12429/65/16-17, Dated-07/04/2016.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMP), Maharashtra State Nagpur.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
6. Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Navegaon- Nagzira Tiger Project, Gondia.
7. Collector, Nagpur.
8. Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Bhandara/Gondia Forest Division for information.
9. Executive Engineer, Gosikhurd Lift Irrigation Division, Ambadi (Bhandara) for information.
10. Select file F-10.

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