

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2022/CR-238/F-10

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

Dated: 22.09.2022

To,

Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Satara

Diversion of 0.135 ha. forest land for laying of underground water pipeline for agricultural purposes in favour of Shri. Madhukar Kashinath Shinde for reserved forest land Compt. No.879, Gut No.195A at Village Gherewadi (Hastanpur), Tal. Man, Dist. Satara in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 0.135 ha. forest land for laying of underground water pipeline for agricultural purposes in favour of Shri. Madhukar Kashinath Shinde for reserved forest land Compt. No.879, Gut No.195A at Village Gherewadi (Hastanpur), Tal. Man, Dist. Satara in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Item work purpose	Name of Village	Taluka & District	Compt. No.	Gut No.	L. x W. (in Mt.)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
For laying of underground water pipeline for agricultural purpose.	Gherewadi (Hastanpur)	Man, Dist. Satara	879	195A	135 x 1	0.0135	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Land (Ha.)						0.0135	

2. The proposal has been initiated by Shri. Madhukar Kashinath Shinde for seeking approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground water pipeline for agricultural purposes for reserved forest land Compt.No.879, Gut No.195A at Village Gherewadi (Hastanpur), Tal. Man, Dist. Satara in the State of Maharashtra. The User Agency has certified that the project's main objective is to enhance water availability to their farm.

For farming in all seasons as their farm is in Drought Prone Area they badly in need of proposed underground pipeline. Without farming their basic needs cannot be fulfilled. Non-forest land required for this project is 0.177 ha.

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

- 3.1) No suitable alternate non-forest land is available and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Open Forest Eco-value class-III Category and having density of forest is below 0.4.
- 3.3) There is no cutting & felling of trees involved in the implementation of the Project.
- 3.4) The area involved in the project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of protected are i.e. away 81.45 km from Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 3.5) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6) The proposed project has not been started in the forest as well as non-forest land and no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or its guidelines has been committed.
- 3.7) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 1.00 ha degraded Forest land in Compt. No. 879-Gut No.304A at Village Rajawadi, Tal. Man, Dist. Satara and it is also contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 3.8) the alternative for the project is as under:-

Sl. No.	Alignments No.	Gut No.	Compt. No.	Area in Ha	Village
1	1 st alignment (Proposed)	195 A	879	0.0135	Gherewadi
2	2 nd alignment	195 A	879	0.0140	Gherewadi
3	3 rd alignment	195 A	879	0.0150	Gherewadi

The above alternatives have been examined by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara and came to the conclusion that alternative No.1 is the most suitable.

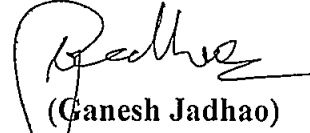
4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 4.1) to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4.2) to defray the cost of Net Present Value
- 4.3) to submit compliance under FRA-2006.

5. 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.
6. 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 subject the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur as well as following additional condition:-

“User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of Compensatory Afforestation land at Village- Rajawadi (Compt. No. 879, Gut No.304A), before Stage-I approval.”

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.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

O/K 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. Area Statement
3. Commitment from the Applicant 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. 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/Kolhapur/ID-12898(28)/1100/2022-23, Dt.01.08.2022.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara.
5. Shri. Madhukar Kashinath Shinde, Gherewadi (Hastanpur), Tal. Man, Dist. Satara.
6. Select File (F-10)

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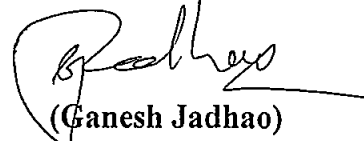
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PART - V

(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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