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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  
No.FLD-1518/C.R.23/F-10  
Dated: 19.05.2018



**(Virendra Tiwari)**

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

**Place:** Mumbai

**Date:** 19.05.2018

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**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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**Sir,**

The Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited, Package II, Camp Office, Nagpur has submitted the proposal for diversion of 166.485 ha. of forest land under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Nagpur- Mumbai Super Express Way (Package-II) . The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

| A  Akola Forest Division |          |            |           |                 |                           |            |                  |                    |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Sr<br>·<br>N<br>o.       | District | Taluka     | Village   | Comptt.<br>No.  | Survey<br>No.<br>/Gut No. | Gut<br>No. | Area<br>(in ha.) | Legal<br>Status    |
| 1                        | Washim   | Karanja    | Poha      | C99             | 5                         | ---        | 2.66             | Reserved<br>Forest |
|                          |          |            | Wai       | C106            | 124                       | ---        | 2.64             |                    |
|                          |          |            | Mandva    | C103            | 51,68,70,<br>72           | ---        | 14.00            |                    |
| 2                        |          | Mangrulpir | Pangri    | 136             | 10, 11                    | ---        | 5.89             |                    |
|                          |          |            | Yedshi    | 116             | 20,75,77                  | ---        | 10.46            |                    |
| 3                        |          |            | Januna.Kh | 116,110         | 51                        | ---        | 10.64            |                    |
| 4                        |          | Malegaon   | Kinhiraja | 109,108,<br>107 | 59,60,49<br>48,<br>18     | ---        | 30.93            |                    |
|                          |          |            | Kawardari | 106,105,        | 10,66,87                  | ---        | 23.51            |                    |

|                                    |                 |                      |                   | 103                    |                      |                    |                           |                         |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                    |                 |                      | Rengaon           | 39                     | 109                  | ---                | 7.72                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      | Kolegaon Kh       | 39                     | 97                   | ---                | 13.77                     |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      | Kolegaon BK       | E166                   | 169                  | ---                | 8.67                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      | Tarodi            | E113                   | 41                   | ---                | 3.23                      |                         |
| <b>A  Total Forest Area</b>        |                 |                      |                   |                        |                      |                    | <b>134.12</b>             |                         |
| <b>B  Buldana Forest Division</b>  |                 |                      |                   |                        |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| <b>Sr<br/>·<br/>N<br/>o.</b>       | <b>District</b> | <b>Taluka</b>        | <b>Village</b>    | <b>Comptt.<br/>No.</b> | <b>Survey<br/>No</b> | <b>Gut<br/>No.</b> | <b>Area<br/>(in ha.)</b>  | <b>Legal<br/>Status</b> |
| 5                                  | Buldana         | Sindhkhed Raja       | Pimpalkhuta       | 549                    | 25,26,27             | 133                | 0.99                      | Reserved Forest         |
|                                    |                 | Deulgaon Raja        | Palaskheda        | 563                    | 32                   | 158                | 2.98                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      |                   |                        | 33                   | 160                | 0.30                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      |                   |                        | 34                   | 159                | 2.67                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      |                   |                        | 11,12,13             | 162                | 5.35                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      |                   |                        | 14,15,16             | 138                | 1.24                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      |                   |                        | 20                   | 155                | 1.62                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      |                   |                        | 21,22                | 161                | 4.81                      |                         |
|                                    |                 |                      | Palaskhed Malkdev | 562                    | 6,7,8                | 28                 | 8.34                      |                         |
| <b>B  Total Forest Area</b>        |                 |                      |                   |                        |                      |                    | <b>28.30</b>              |                         |
| <b>C  Amravati Forest Division</b> |                 |                      |                   |                        |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| <b>Sr<br/>·<br/>N<br/>o.</b>       | <b>District</b> | <b>Taluka</b>        | <b>Village</b>    | <b>Comptt.<br/>No.</b> | <b>Survey<br/>No</b> | <b>Gut<br/>No.</b> | <b>Area<br/>(in ha.)</b>  | <b>Legal<br/>Status</b> |
| 6                                  | Amravati        | Dhamanga on Railway. | Wadhona Ramnath   | B 292                  | ---                  | 256                | 0.275                     | Reserved Forest         |
|                                    |                 | Nandgaon Kh          | Salod             | 2                      | ---                  | 30, 37             | 3.790                     |                         |
| <b>C  Total Forest Area</b>        |                 |                      |                   |                        |                      |                    | <b>4.065</b>              |                         |
| <b>Grand Total A, B &amp; C</b>    |                 |                      |                   |                        |                      |                    | <b>166.48</b><br><b>5</b> |                         |

2. Abstract and legal status of the area proposed for diversion are as under-

| Sr. No                   | Division                 | Area (in ha)   | Legal Status    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1                        | Akola Forest Division    | 134.12         | Reserved Forest |
| 2                        | Buldana Forest Division  | 28.30          | Reserved Forest |
| 3                        | Amravati Forest Division | 4.065          | Reserved Forest |
| <b>Total Forest Area</b> |                          | <b>166.485</b> |                 |

3. The proposal has been initiated by Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road, Development, Corporation Limited, Package II, Camp Office, Nagpur for construction of Nagpur- Mumbai Super Express Way (Package-II) from (89.00 km + 469.00 km) in Wardha and Amravati, district to (347.00 km + 725.00 km) in Buldana and Jalna District Border in State of Maharashtra for approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed project passes through Wardha, Malegaon, Jalna, Aurangabad, Sinner and Thane, Districts. This route has poor geometry at many locations and also congested besides, this route connectivity through National Highway also exists but it traverses through considerably longer route. The Implementation of entire project will ensure fast and safe road traffic movement, reducing travel time to half by achieving speed of 100 km/hr. for motor vehicles. Project also aims at creation of commercial nodes for multiple development mainly in industrial, commercial, agricultural, tourism sector resulting in to employment generation, capacity building as well as connectivity between industrial place like Butibori, Amravati, Jalna, Chikalthana, Sehdra, Waluj, Sinnar to Mumbai, and tourist and religious places at Karanja, Lonar, Sindkhedraja, Verul Shirdi.

4. The area belongs to Eco-value class-III and having density 0.4 of Southern tropical Dry deciduous forest in Akola Forest Division, Akola, (ii) Eco-value class-III and having density less than 0.4 coming under Improvement Working Circle and Pasture Working Circle in Buldana Forest Division, Buldana and (iii), Eco-value class-III and having density 0.4 coming under Kuran Working Circle, Babulban Working circle in Amravati Forest, Division, Amravati.

5. There are 49345 trees of various species of trees in the area proposed for diversion.

6. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akola Forest Division, Akola, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Forest Division, Buldana, and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forests Division, Amravati have certified that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the lowest minimum.

7. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akola Forest Division, Akola has certified that the proposed road is passing through the proposed Eco Sensitive Zones of KatePurna Wildlife Sanctuary and Sohal Black Buck Wildlife Sanctuary. The distance of proposed road from KatePurna, Wildlife Sanctuary boundary is 0.57 kms and the distance of proposed road from Karanja Sohal Black Buck, Wildlife Sanctuary boundary is 6.29 kms.

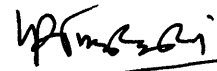
8. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Forest Division, Buldana and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forest Division, Amravati have certified that the proposed project is beyond 10 km of the Protected Area (Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park).

9. The proposed area does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, and Nature Reserve etc. as certified by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akola Forest Division, Akola, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Forest Division, Buldana, and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forests, Division Amravati
10. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akola Forest Division, Akola, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldhana Forest Division, Buldhana, and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forests, Division Amravati have certified that proposed project is not likely to affect monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
11. The User Agency has proposed 166.485 ha. of non-forest land at Ghatshendra, Tal-Kannad, Dist-Aurangabad for Compensatory Afforestation. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Aurangabad has given suitability certificate for the said land.
12. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forest Division, Amravati, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akola Forest Division, Akola and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Forest Division, Buldana have certified that 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 indentified 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.
13. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, as certified by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akola Forest Division, Akola, the Deputy Conservator of Forest Division, Buldana and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forests, Division, Amravati.
14. The User Agency has given an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
15. The User Agency has agreed to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
16. The User Agency has submitted the certificates of Collector, Washim, Buldana and Amravati under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 issued vide their letters No.Desk-4/A.K.(Rev)/Ws-300/2017, dt.24/074/2017, (ii) No. Rev/D-7(3)/A.K./ w.s.4000/2017, dt.14/12/2017 and (iii) No.Desk-26/A.K./Work No.51/17,dt.7/2/2017 in prescribed format Form- I as per Government of India guidelines dated 5/7/2013 with all annexures as required.
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.

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 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,



19/5/18

( Virendra Tiwari )

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

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. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the 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 proposed land for compensatory afforestation
9. Site Inspection Report.
10. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
11. Certificate in Part V.

**Copy to:**

1. 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./2435/17-18, dt.10.01.2018.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Amravati / Yavatmal.
6. Collector, Washim / Buldhana / Amaravati.
7. The Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., Package-II, Camp Office, Nagpur.
8. Select file F-10.