

Annexure

Full title of the Project: Diversion of Forest Land for Four Laning, shifting of existing utilities (OFC, Electrical cable, water pipelines), laying of new utilities (OFC, Electrical cable, water pipelines), erection of street lights from Dive ghat to hadapsar section of PalkhiMarg having Design Chainages from Km220.900 to Km 234.150 (Hadapsar) of NH- 965

File No.: FP/MH/ROAD/154949/2022

Date of Proposal: 27/04/2022

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items	Observations and Remarks
1	Name of the Project and location	DiversionForestLandforFourLaningofDive ghattohadapsarsection ofPalkhiMarghavingDesignChainagesfromKm220.900 toKm 234.150 (Hadapsar) of NH- 965
2	Name of the User Agency	National Highway Authority of India, PIU Pune, Pune
3	Date of Site Inspection	03/06/2022
4	Extent (in Ha) and legal status of the Forest Land proposed for diversion	Ha. Reserved Forest land falling within 15.6843Hajurisdiction of Pune Forest Division, Maharashtra State.
5	a. Details of Forest Land proposed for diversion and activity wise break-up of ForestLand b. Density-wise Eco-Value Class	Area Statement is appended hereto as Appendix- I. Required Forest Land: 15.6843 Ha Eco-Value Class- III, Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest (OF) Density:0.1
6	Whether the requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No 2 of Part- I is unavoidable and thebarest minimum for the project? If no, recommended area item-wise with details with alternatives examined	Yes. The requirement of Forest Land is unavoidable and restricted to barest minimum.

7	Whether the area involves construction of building (Including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof.	No.
8	<p>a. Whether the Forest Area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.</p> <p>b. Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed Forest Land. If so, details thereof.</p> <p>c. Areal distance from nearest boundary of protected area (km)</p> <p>d. Remark about sensitivity of the Forest Area likely to be affected due to the project</p> <p>e. Whether Wildlife Mitigation Plan is required? If yes, reason thereof</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>No any conspicuous flora and fauna observed or reported so far.</p> <p>Beyond 10 Kms.</p> <p>Insensitive. Forest Area is unlikely to be affected by the project.</p> <p>No.</p>
9	Details of vegetation:	

	<p>a. Total no. of trees to be felled</p> <p>b. No. of trees to be felled of girth below 60cm.</p> <p>c. No. of trees to be felled of girth above 60cm.</p> <p>d. Effect of removal of trees on general ecosystem in the area</p>	<p>1351</p> <p>1087</p> <p>264</p> <p>Not Applicable.</p>
10	Background Note on the proposal (Short summary)	<p>The Government of India has adopted a policy of developing National and State Highways through engineering procurement and construction mode for better and safe transportation. To ensure better transportation facilities and to cope up with the future volume of traffic, the Government of India has taken up a massive Programme of development of existing two-lane State Highways to connect National Highways & other State Highways and to upgrade existing two-lane National Highways to four-lanes.</p> <p>The road proposed for four laning is an important link in the existing road network, linked to emotions and reverence of the people Maharashtra. The Maharashtra's most revered Palkhi Yatra passes from the proposed road.</p> <p>Further, the proposed road is linking interior rural area to National Highways, which are corridor of trade and commerce between Pune and South India.</p> <p>With increased need for accommodating ever increasing volume of traffic and to ensure safety of human life & property, there is an acute need for widening of existing width by alteration and addition of lanes.</p>
11	Whether the proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, detailed report on violation, including action taken against	No work has been carried out in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

	the concerned officials to be attached	
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons? If yes, whether the Rehabilitation Plan has been approved by the State Government?	No
13	Details on Catchment and Culturable Command area under the project (If applicable) Status of Catchment Area Treatment Plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (If applicable)	Not applicable
14	Utility of the project	Dive Ghat to Hadapsar section of the road NH-965, exists prior enactment of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed road is a link to various places of pilgrimage; as such, always remain occupied with heavy traffic. The road widening and four laning with central verge will help to cope up with present and future demand of expanded lanes to accommodate increased traffic volume and to ensure adequate safety of life and property.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious value? Whether any sacred grove or very old grown trees/ forest exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No
16	Any other important information related to the project (separate note may be attached, if required)	The project is aimed achieving economic and financial growth of the State through Agriculture, Commerce and Trade by improving connectivity and transportation facilities.
17	Details of documents and photographs attached	Annexed hereto as below: 1. Photographs of Site Inspection (Appendix-II) 2. Notification of Reserved Forests (Appendix-III)

18	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	The project is site specific. The proposed road is very important link in road network of the Maharashtra State. It is connected with spiritual aspirations of the people of the State. Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance. Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance.
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Date: 17/06/2022

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