

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items		Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)		: Diversion of 9.1321 ha. of forest land for the project of Panvel-Karjat suburban Corridor (Doubling Railway Line)
	Location i)	Division	: Alibag Forest Division.
	ii)	Range	: Panvel, Karjat West, Khalapur
	iii)	Round	Panvel,
	iv)	S.No.	: As per area statement attached on Page No.
2.	Name of the User Agency		: Deputy Chief Project Manager-I, Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Churchgate Mumbai
3.	Date of site inspection		: 12/02/2019 and 24/12/2019.
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion		: 9.1321 ha. Reserve Forest Private Forest, acquired forest area
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land		: Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No. 12 & 13
	b) Density of the forest		: The density is 0.1
6.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined		: Yes. Required forest land is barest minimum and unavoidable.
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof		: No.
8.	a.	Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important form wildlife point of view or not	: No.
	b.	Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the	: Nil.

		details thereof.		
	c.	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	The Project area is about 7.00 Km. from Karnala Bird Sanctuary and this project area does not falls in Karnala Bird Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone. It is Passes through Matheran Eco-sensitive Zone.
	d.	Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	:	There is no adverse effect on the wildlife and birds in the sanctuary or Eco-Sensitive Zone.
	e.	Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If, yes, reason therefore	:	No.
9.		Details of vegetation		
	a.	Total number of trees to be felled:	:	565
	b.	Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	:	562
	c.	Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	:	3
	d.	Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	Nil.
10.		Background note on the proposal (short summary)	:	Project summary attached on Page No. <del>45</del> 73
11.		Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached	:	No violation notice.
12.		Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	:	No.
13.		Details on catchments and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	:	Nil



	Status of catchments area treatment	Nil
	plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	:
14.	Utility of the Project	: Diversion of forest land for the Project of Panvel – Karjat Sunurban Corridor (Dobling Railway Line)
15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion	: No.
16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	: No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	: Photographs enclosed on Page No.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	: The proposal is recommended as it is infrastructure development project and proposal of national interest undertaken by Govt. of India. Project proponent is ready to bear all the Government levies hence the proposal is being recommended for approval for diverting the required forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Date : 24/12/2019.

Place : Alibag

(Maneesh Kumar)  
 Deputy Conservator of Forests  
 Alibag

### Site Inspection Note

The under signed inspected the sites, along with Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) representative on 12/02/2019 and 24/12/2019. This project involves a total of 9.1321 Ha. of forest area (Reserve Forest, acquired forest and private forest). Required to be diverted for Doubling Railway Line of this railway having length of 29.60 Km. Which passes through forest Villages Belavali, Bhingar, Barvai, Bherale Tal. Panvel, Lodhivli, Vavarle, Tal. Khalapur and Kiravali Vanjale, Tal. Karjat, Raigad District.

From the site inspection it appears that, there is some cutting of trees is to be required for proposed non-forest activities and work has not been started in forest areas.

This proposal under reference undertaken by Government of India (MRVC) is part of public infrastructure facility and essential for convenient, fast & safe travel. The area between Panvel and Karjat also developing rapidly and increasing demand for extending the suburban train services to karjat.

Work has not started, hence violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have not been noticed.

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### PROJECT NOTE

Deputy Chief Project Manager-I , Mumbai Railway Vikas corporation has submitted a proposal for diversion of 9.1321 ha. Forest land for the project of Panvel –Karjat suburban corridor (Doubling Railway line) in Raigad district.

The project involves a total of 9.1321 Ha. of forest area (Reserve forest .acquired forest& private forest). The Total length from panvel to karjat is 29.600 Km. Panvel –karjat is an important section of Central Railway.

There is no alternate alignment is available and the required forest area is barest minimum for approach road to the private area of the user agency.

The user agency has not started any work on proposed forest land.

This project is for laying of diversion of forest Land for the panvel karjat suburban corridor, hence compensatory afforestation is proposed on double degraded forest land in .Compartment No. 647 of village Aptavne, Taluka Sudhagad, District- Raigad in Alibag Forest Division.

The project authority is willing to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation and all Government levies as required by the Government.

Therefore this proposal has been recommended for diversion of 9.1321 ha. forest land for non-forest purposes.

Date : 21/02/2019.

Place : Alibag

  
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