

Full title of the Project: Diversion of Forest Land for laying Underground Drinking Water Pipeline under Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme for Gar, Sonawadi & Nanveej villages of Daund Tehsil, District Pune of Maharashtra State.

Proposal No.: FP/MH/WATER/141729/2021

Date of Proposal: 25/04/2021

APPENDIX (SEE RULE 6)

FORM - 'A'

FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 2 (ii) OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980

THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

PART-II

(TO BE FILLED BY THE CONCERNED DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS)

State Serial No. of the Proposal:

7. Location of the Project/ Scheme:

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| (i) State/ Union Territory: | Maharashtra |
| (ii) District: | Pune |
| (iii) Forest Division: | Pune (T) |
| (iv) Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion (In Ha.): | 0.19 Ha. |
| (v) Legal status of Forest: | Reserved Forest |
| (vi) Density of vegetation: | below 0.1 |
| (vii) Species- wise (Scientific Names) and diameter class- wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 m and FRL-4 m also to be enclosed): | |

The proposed land is devoid of trees. Hence, no tree felling is involved.

(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the Forest area to erosion:

The Forest Land proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to erosion on account of its location, topographical & geomorphological features and other climatic factors.

(ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest:

The project is situated within or along the boundary of Reserved Forest; along Patas- Daund Road, mostly within the Right of Way.

(x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.? (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed):

No.

(xi) Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? (If so, the details thereof):

No any conspicuous flora and fauna observed or reported so far.

(xii) Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? (If so, details thereof with NOC from the Competent Authority, if required):

No any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area proposed for diversion.

8. Whether the requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project? If no, recommended area item- wise with details of alternative examined:

Yes. The requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part I of Form A, is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out? (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work done in violation is still in progress?:

No. The work involves laying of new underground drinking water pipeline. No work has been carried out by the Project Proponent in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

10. Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:

The project involves laying of new underground drinking water pipeline, mostly along the road, in ROW. No any tree is going to be felled for the purpose of extant proposal. The Forest Land involved in the Project Proposal is only 0.19 Ha. The project also does not fall within the limits of any Protected Area or Eco-sensitive Zone.

In view of above, the Compensatory Afforestation is not to be insisted upon. However, in conformity with provision under Para 2.6(i)(e) of the Handbook of the FCA, 1980 & FCR, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications), the State Government may direct the User Agency to plant specified number of trees in the order for diversion of Forest Land.

11. Site Inspection Report of the Dy. CF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col. No. 7 (xi & xii), 8 & 9 above:

The Site Inspection Report is annexed hereto as Annexure- I.

12. Division/ District Profile:

- (i) Geographical area of the District: 15,616 Sq.m.
- (ii) Forest Area of the District: 84878 Ha.
- (iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with no. of cases: 664.08 Ha./ 72
- (iv) Total compensatory afforestation as on the date: 481.16 Ha.
 - (a) Forest Land, including Penal CA: 76.29 Ha.
 - (b) Non- forest land: 404.87 Ha.
- (v) Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on the date: 481.16 Ha.
 - (a) Forest Land: 76.29 Ha.
 - (b) Non- forest land: 404.87 Ha.

13. Specific recommendations of the Dy.CF. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons:

The project is undertaken by the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, Pune, the State Government Agency, duty bound to supply safe drinking water to the remote villages falling within its jurisdiction.

In present situation, as per Project Note of the User Agency, the concerned local agencies are not able to cope up with the current demand for supply of drinking water and also have expressed concerns for increased demand in the near future.

The project is Site-Specific, Critical Public Utility and Welfare Project propped by the State Government. The project is in the larger interest of the people of Gar, Sonawadi & Nanveej villages of Daund Tehsil. Hence, the proposal submitted by the MJP, Pune is recommended for acceptance.

The Project Proposal is covered under General Approval accorded by the Central Government under Sec. 2 (ii) of the FCA, 1980.

Date: 25/07/2021
Place: Pune

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