

Site Inspection Report

State serial No. of Proposal FP/MH/ROAD/25848/2017

Items

Observation and remarks

Name of the project and location

Proposal is for Diversion of 33.420 Ha Reserve forest in Nanded District for for up- gradation to Two Lanes with paved shoulder / Four lane configurations of Nanded- Kinwat- Mahur -Arni road section of National Highway 161A 0.000 km. at Bhoker and end at Arni Fata via Sarsam- Himayatnagr – Kinwat – Mahur of Nanded District in the State of Maharashtra.

Village :

Islapur, Rithi Tanda, Sawari, Bodhadi, Chikhali, Wadoli and Sarkhani

Range :

Islapur, Bodhadi, Kinwat and Mandvi forest ranges

Round :

NIL

Beat :

NIL

Forest Compt. No.

233, 234, 252, 219a, 212A, 211A, 82A, 83 A, 84, 85, 85, 33A and 34

Name of the User Agency.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India

Date of site inspection.

23/06/2019

Extent (ha.) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion.

Reserved Forests

a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land.

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b) Density and Eco-value class.

Density: below 0.4 (Open Forests).
ECO Value Class III

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.

Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof.

No

a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.

In the chainage 51/740km to 53.730 km there is regular movement of black buck (Deer) due to grass land . Existing road cuts the habitat and therefore mitigation measures like underpass, wall fencing is recommended in this section.

b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	NA
c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km).	Nearly 2.3 km road stretch from chainage 91.770 km to 94 km falls within Eco sensitive zone of Painganga Wild Life Sanctuary. Nearest distance is 300 mtr.
d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	Not significant as project forest is in isolated patches surrounded by industrial units
e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons therefore:	<p>Mitigation Plan is required for following reasons</p> <p>In the chainage 51.740 km to 53.730 km range there is regular movement of black buck (Deers) due to grass land. Existing road cuts the habitat. Mitigation measures suggested as under</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provision of underpass of wild life in grass land area in consultation with Forest Department Nanded 2. Wall fencing on both side 3. Water hole creation on both side. Four holes on each side. 4. Sign boards for wild life safety, reduction in speed and no horn zone. <p>Above measures will be implemented by user agency under the guidance and supervision of Forest Department</p>
Details of vegetation:	
a) Total number of trees to be felled:	Details of girthwise, specieswise trees is enclosed.
b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	
c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	
d) Effect of removal of trees on the general eco-system in the area.	NA
Background note on the proposal (short summary).	NH 161 A from Bhokar to Arni Fata is proposed for widening and upgradation to 2/4 lanes with paved shoulders. The existing carriage width is 5.5 mtr to 7 mtr with black top. Proposed widening will be required 24 meter for NH standard and hence proposed for diversion
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.
Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No.

Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable).	NA.
Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable).	NA.
Utility of the project.	The project will bring socio-economic development of Nanded District especially Kinwat Taluka due to improved agriculture and tourism activities.
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.
Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required).	NA
Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	Geo tagged photo enclosed in the proposal
Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer	<p>The proposal is recommended for the following reasons</p> <p>The diversion of minimum forest land is recommended for the following reasons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The road proposed for diversion has been declared as National Highway connecting Nanded and Yavatmal District and create good connectivity to adjoin Telangna State. 6. This is being widening of existing road having 5.5 to 7 meter carriage width only minimum forest is required which is unavoidable. No realignment is proposed in forest length. 7. This improved road status will create socio-economic region in Kinvat block and will pave for its development. 8. Most of the areas along this project is agriculture belt. Thus this will boost up agriculture growth in this area.

Place: *Nanded*

Dated: *14/2/2020*

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