

## PART – IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

1. NHAI's proposals for diversion of 63.615 ha. of forest land for construction of Four-laning of existing Goa-Karnataka Section of NH-4A in the State of Goa Anmod Ghat -Panaji Section received from Public Work Department, Govt. of Goa has been examined and recommended for following reasons:

- i) This is an important public utility project of infrastructure development for the State as well as the Country
- ii) The project aims for improvement of traffic movement from neighbouring States.
- iii) Proposed alignment meets the operational requirement of the project with minimum forest land involved as compared to other alternative routes.

2. Further, following conditions on the User Agency are proposed for consideration of competent authority, while granting approval:

- i) to take suitable measures and create sufficient numbers of underpasses & overbridges in the alignment for safe animal passage at locations identified by the Forest Department as per guidelines of Wildlife Institute of India.
- ii) to take adequate measures for safety of wild animals during construction phase in consultation with CWLW.
- iii) to place sufficient numbers of signages/ signboards in the area falling within the forest, National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary for cautioning traffic at vulnerable places and corridors for minimising conflict from movement of wild animals.
- iv) shall carry out all recommendations prescribed in the EIA Report.
- v) in addition to cost of mandatory CA & NPV obligations, user agency will pay 3% of the total project cost to the State Forest Department for undertaking activities/ measures for mitigation of various impacts of diversion of forest land on forest, ecology and wildlife of the area.

Recommended for consideration and approval.

  
(Subhash Chandra, IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

Date: 20/03/2020

Place: Panaji

