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Sub:-

Proposal for diversion of 14.613 ha. forest land in favour of NHAI for construction of Eight laning of existing four lane Vadape to Thane from Km 539.202 to Km 563.000 section of NH-3 (New NH-848) in the State of Maharashtra to be executed on Hybrid Annuity mode (HAM) in Taluka Bhiwandi, Village Vadape, Dhamangaon, Yewai, Elkunde, Sonale, Pimplas, Pimpalner, Ovali, in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/148827/2021)

No.: Desk-17/Nodal/Thane /I.D-13070 (75)/2599 /2021-22 Nagpur – 440 001, Dated - 03 | 03 | 2022

To, The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralya, Mumbai – 400032

Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, PIU-Thane has submitted proposal for diversion of 14.613 ha. forest land in favour of NHAI for construction of Eight laning of existing four lane Vadape to Thane from Km 539.202 to Km 563.000 section of NH-3 (New NH-848) in the State of Maharashtra to be executed on Hybrid Annuity mode (HAM) in Taluka Bhiwandi, Village Vadape, Dhamangaon, Yewai, Elkunde, Sonale, Pimplas, Pimpalner, Ovali, in the State of Maharashtra. The details of the forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

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- 2.0 Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in two copies:-
- 2.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
- 2.3 Area Statement,
- 2.4 Index map in suitable scale
- 2.4 Copy of the Technical/ Administrative approval accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways letter No. RW/NH-37011/04/2018-PPP, dated 26/03/2018 copy enclosed on file page No.31
- 2.5 The total non forest involved in the project is 110.45 ha.
- 2.6 The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane Forest Division, Thane is enclosed on page no. 157 to 158.
- 2.6 No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the minimum.
- 2.7 The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is below 0.2 (Open Forest).
- 2.8 There are 132 trees of various species and trees is involved in implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under:-

	Tree Girth in Cm												
15- 30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106- 120	121- 135	Above 136	Total				
34	35	16	16	9	5	5	4	8	132				

- 2.9 The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 2.10 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 2.11 There is violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The User Agency has already violation done at the time of 2 lanning of project in the year 1980-1982 & 4 laning of project in the year 1998-2003 by the National Highway Division. The violation report enclosed on page no.199 to 203.
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- 2.13 The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.

- 2.14 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 30.00 ha. degraded Forest land (i) Area 8.81 ha. in Gut No.359, at Village Vaijapur in Taluka Parla (ii) Area 10.87 ha. in Gut No.376, at Village Vaijapur, in Taluka Parla (iii) Area 5.76 ha. in Gut No.358, at Village Vaijapur, in Taluka Parla (iv) Area 4.56 ha.in Gut No. 352 at Village Vaijapur, in Taluka Parla and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestaion and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 2.15 The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value
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- 2.18 The User Agency has certified that Environmental Clearance is not required in the light of notification of Government of India.
- 2.19 The cross section map is enclosed herewith on file page No.42 to 61.
- 2.20 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane Forest Division, Thane and Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Thane have recommended the proposal for diversion of 14.613 ha. of forest land.
- 3.00 The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal for sanction on the following conditional grounds. The recommendation letter of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur, is enclosed on
- 3.1 The legal status of the forest land required will remain unchanged.
- 3.2 Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the User Agency.

3.3 Compensatory Afforestaton:-

- a) Compensatory afforstation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 30.00 ha. degraded Forest land (i) Area 8.81 ha. in Gut No.359, at Village Vaijapur in Taluka Parla (ii) Area 10.87 ha. in Gut No.376, at Village Vaijapur, in Taluka Parla (iii) Area 5.76 ha. in Gut No.358, at Village Vaijapur, in Taluka Parla (iv) Area 4.56 ha.in Gut No. 352 at Village Vaijapur, in Taluka Parla at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 3.4 The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

3.5 NPV:-

a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 14.613 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18/09/2003

- as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 3.6 User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
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4.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of India may kindly be moved for approving the proposal for diversion of 14.613 ha. forest land in favour of NHAI for construction of Eight laning of existing four lane Vadape to Thane from Km 539.202 to Km 563.000 section of NH-3 (New NH-848) in the State of Maharashtra to be executed on Hybrid Annuity mode (HAM) in Taluka Bhiwandi, Village Vadape, Dhamangaon, Yewai, Elkunde, Sonale, Pimplas, Pimpalner, Ovali, in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 2 copies

(Naresh Zurmure)
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Thane for information. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane Forest Division, Thane for information. Copy to the Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, PIU-Thane for information

PART-IV

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

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

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Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Maharashtra State, Nagpur is attached on page no.

(Naresh Zurmure)
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Date: 3 /03 /2022 Place: Nagpur Proposal for diversion of 14.613 ha. forest land in favour of NHAI for construction of Eight laning of existing four lane Vadape to Thane from Km 539.202 to Km 563.000 section of NH-3 (New NH-848) in the State of Maharashtra to be executed on Hybrid Annuity mode (HAM) in Taluka Bhiwandi, Village Vadape, Dhamangaon, Yewai, Elkunde, Sonale, Pimplas, Pimpalner, Ovali, in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/148827/2021)

Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State (Head of Forest Force) Maharashtra State, Nagpur with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.

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- 2.00 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions: –
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(Dr.Y.L.P Rao)

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Maharashtra State, Nagpur