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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 0.9472 ha. Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Widening of MDR-56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK, Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100 in Survey No.45 at Manjri BK, Tal. Haveli, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/19804/2016)

No.: Desk-17/Nodal/Pune /I.D-13232 (23)/260 \/2021-22 Nagpur - 440 001, Dated 3 \ 03 \ 2022

To,

The Deputy Director General (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building,
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Sir,

The Executive Engineer, PMRDA, Pune has submitted proposal for diversion of 0.9472 ha. Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Widening of MDR-56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK, Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100 in Survey No.45 at Manjri BK, Tal. Haveli, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra. The details of the forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No	Item work purpose	District	Taluka	Name of Village	Survey No.	Length & Width	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	Widening of MDR-56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK, Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100	Pune	Haveli	Manjri BK	159 E	740 x 12.80	0.9472	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Land (in ha.)							0.9472	V

The road MDR 56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100 having width of 7.50 m. is already existing to cope up with future demand from expanded lanes to accommodate increased traffic volume and to improve the connectivity, the road needs widening up to 20.30 m and re-structuring

- 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 one copy:-
- 2.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
- 2.3 Area Statement,
- 2.3 Index map in suitable scale
- 2.4 The cross section map is enclosed herewith on page no.46A
 - 2.5 The copy of the technical approval accorded by the Chief Engineer, Pune Muncipal Corporation Executive Engineer (Electrical), Pune Metropolitan Region Development

- Authority, Pune vide work order letter No. EG/MAK/C.R.No.370/08-19/1540/Shakha-1, dated 20/08/2019 is enclosed on page no.46 B.
- 2.6 The copy of the Administrative approval accorded by the Chief Engineer, Pune Municipal Corporation Executive Engineer (Electrical), Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Pune vide work order letter No. EG/MAK/C.R.No.370/08-19/1539/Shakha-2, dated 20/08/2019 is enclosed on page no.46 D.
- 2.7 The total non forest involved in project is 1.296 ha
- 2.8 The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune is enclosed on page no.29 to 33
- 2.9 No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
- 2.6 The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is 0.01 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).
- 2.9 There is no tree felling involved in the project.
- 2.10 The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 2.11 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 2.12 There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 2.13 Proposed project does not within 10 km from the boundary of any National Park/or Wildlife Sanctuary
- 2.14 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.
- 2.15 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 1.00 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.510 at Village Kalkhairewadi, Tal.Baramati, Dist. Pune and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestaion and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 2.16 There is no alternative to the route required to be examined.
- 2.17 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune has submitted proposal for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons i.e site specific justification as per as per Para 1.15 of the Handbook under FCA, 1980 issued by GOI.
 - "The extent project is a Critical Development Initiative for public by the Government. It is categorized as "Critical Public Utility and Welfare Project. Hence the project is Site Specific""
- 2.18 The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value
- 2.19 The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 2.20 The User Agency has submitted an undertaking regarding the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been applied and is under process and shall be submitted before formal approval as per Government of India vide letter No.11-43/2013-FC, dt.3/12/2018.
- 2.21The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune and Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Pune have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.9472 ha. of Reserved 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 Compensatory Afforestaton:-

- a) Compensatory afforstation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.510 at Village Kalkhairewadi, Tal.Baramati, Dist. Pune 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.
- 3.3 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.

3.4 NPV:-

- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.9472 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 & File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I), Dated 06/01/2022 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/)
- 3.7 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 3.8 User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- 3.9 Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- 3.10 It Shall mandatory to provide underpass for safe crossing of wild animals
 - (a) The underpass shall have a minimum size of width 4.00 mt and Height 3.00 mt.
 - (b) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then no need to construct new underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimensions, as suggested in (a) above.

- (c) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in (a) above.
- (d) Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km
- 3.11 The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/ Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
- 3.12 User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act,1986, if applicable.
- 3.13 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 3.14 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 3.15 Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 3.16 The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 3.17 No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 3.18 The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 3.19 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 3.20 The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
- 3.21 Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dated 29/01/2018.
- 3.22 Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- 3.23 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)
- 4.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of India may kindly be moved for approving the proposal for diversion of 0.9472 ha. Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Widening of MDR-56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK, Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100 in Survey No.45 at Manjri BK, Tal. Haveli, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl.:- Proposal 1 copies

Yours sincerely

& Nodal Officer

(Naresh Zurmure)
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralya, Mumbai – 400032 for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Pune for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune for information.

Copy to the The Executive Engineer, PMRDA, Pune 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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No	purpose			Village	No.	&	(in ha)	Status
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	MDR-56 from		.1			12.80		Forest
	Manjri Railway			x				
	Gate to Manjri							
	BK, Chainage							
	from 3/400 to	22						
	5/100							
Total Forest Land (in ha.)								

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
& Nodal Officer

Date: 3 /03 /2022 Place: Nagpur

PART -V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of the Forest Department or any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of under Secretary)

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Recommended:

MoEF, Government of India, vide letter No.5-5/86-FC (Pt) dated 17/4/2000 has suggested to submit proposals for projects in social sector requiring forest area up to 5.00 Ha., directly to Government of India. Accordingly, Government of Maharashtra has delegated the power to the Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State vide No. FLD-1000/CR-187/F-10 dated 10/05/2000 to submit proposals less than 5.00 Ha. (excluding National Parks and Sanctuaries) directly to Regional Office, MoEF, Nagpur.

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

Date: 3 /03/2021 Place: Nagpur Proposal for diversion of 0.9472 ha. Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Widening of MDR-56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK, Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100 in Survey No.45 at Manjri BK, Tal. Haveli, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/19804/2016)

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.

- 1) The proposal is for diversion of 0.9472 ha. Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for widening of MDR-56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK, Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100 in Survey No.45 at Manjri BK, Tal. Haveli, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra has been initiated by the Executive Engineer, PMRDA, Pune for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 2) The road MDR 56 from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri BK Chainage from 3/400 to 5/100 having width of 7.50 m. is already existing to cope up with future demand from expanded lanes to accommodate increased traffic volume and to improve the connectivity, the road needs widening up to 20.30 m and re-structuring.
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- 9) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
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- 11) There is no tree felling involved in the project.
- 12) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 13) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 14) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
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- 23) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune and Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Pune have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.9472 ha. of Reserved forest land.
- 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: –
- 2.1 The legal status of the forest land required will remain unchanged.
- 2.2 Compensatory Afforestaton:
 - a) Compensatory afforstation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.510 at Village Kalkhairewadi, Tal.Baramati, Dist. Pune 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.

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- 2.22 Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

2.23 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)

(Dr.Y.L.P Rao)

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

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