

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items	Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat) :	Diversion proposal for rehabilitation and up-gradation of exiting highway to 2 lane / 4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration from Pen-Khopoli (KM 00+000 to KM 33+328) section of NH-166D (Pen-Khopoli) on Engineering, Procurement & construction (EPC) Basics in the state of Maharashtra
	Location i) Division :	Alibag Forest Division.
	ii) Range :	Pen & Khalapur
	iii) Round :	Pen, Gagode, Chavana Round in Pen Range and Khopoli, Shiravali, Chilthan, Khalapur in Khalapur Range
	iv) S.No. :	As per area statement attached on Page No.
2.	Name of the User Agency :	Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Pen-402 107
3.	Date of site inspection :	12/11/2022
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion :	9.9249 Ha. Private Forest, Reserved Forest and Protected Forest
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land :	Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No.
	b) Density of the forest :	The density is 0.1
6.	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. Required forest land is barest minimum and unavoidable.
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof :	No.
8.	a. Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important form :	No.

		wildlife point of view or not	
	b.	Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	: Nil.
	c.	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	: The Project area is about 11.280 Km. from Karnala Bird Sanctuary and 11.180 Km from the boundary of Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary.
	d.	Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	: There is no adverse effect on the wildlife and birds in the sanctuary or Eco-Sensitive Zone.
	e.	Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If, yes, reason therefore	: No.
9.		Details of vegetation	
	a.	Total number of trees to be felled:	: 316
	b.	Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	: 79
	c.	Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	: 237
	d.	Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	: NIL
10.		Background note on the proposal (short summary)	: Project summary attached on Page No.
11.		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 violation.
12.		Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	: No.

13.	Details on catchments and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	: Nil
	Status of catchments area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	: Nil
14.	Utility of the Project	: This proposal is for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane /4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration form Pen-Khopoli (KM 00+000 to KM 33+328) section of NH-166D (Pen-Khopoli). This project is infrastructure development and public utility project.
15.	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.
16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	: No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	: Photographs enclosed on Page No.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	: This proposal is for non-Forest activities i.e., for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane /4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration form Pen-Khopoli (KM 00+000 to KM 33+328) section of NH-166D (Pen-Khopoli). This project is infrastructure development and public utility project. The Project proponent is ready to bear all the Government levies hence the proposal is being recommended for approval for diverting the required forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Date: 29/11/2022.

Place: Alibag

  
 (ASHISH THAKARE IFS)  
 Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
 Alibag

## PROJECT NOTE

Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Pen has submitted a proposal for diversion of 9.9249 Ha Protected and Reserved Forest Land for Non-Forest activities i.e., for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane /4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration form Pen-Khopoli (KM 00+000 to KM 33+328) section of NH-166D (Pen-Khopoli-Mahad).

There is no alternative is possible as it is widening/rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing Pen-Khopoli road. The required forest area is barest minimum for proposed rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane /4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration form Pen-Khopoli (KM 00+000 to KM 33+328) section of NH-166D (Pen-Khopoli).

The user agency has not started non-forest activities on proposed forest land.

This proposal is for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane /4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration form Pen-Khopoli (KM 00+000 to KM 33+328) section of NH-166D (Pen-Khopoli) District Raigad, Maharashtra. This project is infrastructure and public utility project. This project is National Highway project therefore, the Compensatory afforestation proposed on double degraded forest land i.e., about 20.00 ha. at Village Shihu, Tal. Roha, R.F. Compt. No. 209 in Nagothane Range, Alibag Forest Division. The project authority is willing to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation and all Government levies as required by the Government.

Therefore, this proposal has been recommended for diversion of 9.9249 ha. Reserved Forest, Protected Forest and Private Forest land for non-forest purposes.

Date: 23 /11/2022

Place: Alibag

  
(ASHISH THAKARE, IES)  
Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Alibag.

## Site Inspection Note

The under signed has inspected the proposed site on dated 12/11/2022, which is proposal for diversion of 9.9249 Ha Protected and Reserved Forest Land for Non-Forest activities i.e., for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane /4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration form Pen-Khopoli (KM 00+000 to KM 33+328) section of NH-166D (Pen-Khopoli), District Raigad, Maharashtra.

When the undersigned visited the site, the project proponent indicated the required land for this project in village Dhavat, Pimpalgaon, Kamarli, Gagode Budurk in Pen Taluka and village Takai, Anjoshi in Khalapur Taluka, District Raigad admeasuring 9.9249 ha. for proposed non-forest activities i.e., rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane /4 lane Pen-Khopoli-Mahad road.

When the undersigned visited the site on 12/11/2022, it was observed that no non-forestry work has been started on Forest land. There are 316 trees to be felled in this proposed forest area.

The Forest area proposed for this project is unavoidable.

Date: 21 /11/2022

Place: Alibag

  
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