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No. :- Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-14246/(30)/ 1720/2022-23

Nagpur- 440 001, Dated 04/10/2022

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 32

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- 3.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003
- 3.2 Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project
- 3.3 Area Statement
- 3.4 Index map in suitable scale

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7.00 The KML file in C.D shows the area to be diverted and the area proposed for Compensatory Afforestation is kept in the file at the top.

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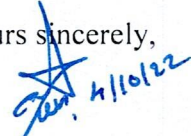
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Encl: (Proposal in two copies)

Yours sincerely,


(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara.
3. The Executive Engineer, Urmodi Dam Division, Satara.
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PART -IV

**(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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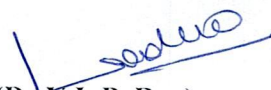
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