

**Diversion of forest land 0.1186 ha. Reserved, unclassified and Private forest land area for laying of 1100 mm and 400 mm dia Underground Water Pipeline along NH-17 by JSW steel Ltd. From Patansai (Taluka Roha) to Karav (Taluka-Pen) of Dist. Raigad.**


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**PART – III**

**(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)**

<b>14.</b>	<b>Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection and observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.</b>	<b>Agree with the recommendations of the Deputy Conservator of Forests. Alibag.</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Specific recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.</b>	<b>The proposal is recommended for approval.</b>

**Date : 3 /7/2016.**  
**Place : THANE**  
**(MAHARASHTRA)**

  
**( K. P. Singh )**  
**Chief Conservator of Forests (T),**  
**Thane**



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Letter

**Subject :- Forest Land : Raigad**

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No.Desk-10/FCA/CR-25/16-17/OW-<sup>323</sup>/16-17,  
Thane – 400 603, Dated :-~~06/2016~~  
317/2016

To,

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator  
of Forests and Nodal Officer,  
Maharashtra State,  
Nagpur – 440 001

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has submitted the proposal mentioned in the captioned subject vide his letter No.A/20/Land/464, dated 20.6.2016. Xerox copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. The Project Agency of this project JSW Steel Ltd, Dolvi, Taluka Pen, Dist., Raigad.JSW, Col. Om Pawar is the authorized signatory.

2.00 The Project Authority has submitted a proposal for diversion of forest land 0.1186 ha. of Reserved, unclassified and Private forest land area for laying of 1100 mm and 400 mm dia Underground Water Pipeline along NH-17 by JSW Steel Ltd. from Patansai (Taluka Roha) to Karav (Taluka-Pen) of Dist. Raigad. Therefore, the Project Authority is seeking GOI's permission u/s.2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3.00 The Forest area required for this Project is 0.1186 Ha. The details of land proposed for diversion is as under:-

Sr.No.	Name of Village	Taluka	Survey No.	Area (ha.)	Legal status
1)	Nagothane	Roha	6/P	0.0540	Reserved Forest (MPFA 1975)
			2A/1A	0.0360	Restored Private Forest.
			237/0	0.0186	Reserved Forest (U/s 4 IFA 1927)
2)	Nigade	Pen	Gut No. 7/C	0.0061	Unclass Forest
3)	Salinde	Pen	138/P	0.0039	Reserved Forest
Total				<b>0.1186</b>	

4.00 The area involved in this proposal does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.

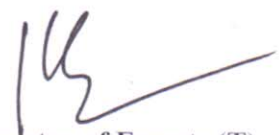
- 5.00 The Project Authority has given an undertaking to pay the cost of Net Present Value as directed by the Govt. of India. The Project Authority has submitted Necessary Certificates / Undertakings and Maps which are also enclosed in the proposal.
- 6.00 The proposed area i.e. 0.1186 Ha. Patansai (Taluka Roha) to Karav (Taluka-Pen) is beyond 10 kms. Of Sudhagad Wildlife Sanctuary. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag certified that, said Project shall not have any adverse effect on the Wildlife within National Park/Sanctuary.
- 7.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has communicated that there are patches of mangrove bushes in some private areas in the alignment of pipeline. In this regard Divisional Forest Officer (Planning) was instructed to visit the area and submit report. Divisional Forest Officer (Planning) had visited the spot on 24/6/2016 along with Range Forest Officer Vadkhal, Range Forest Officer Nagothane & field staff and submitted a report along with field *panchanamas*. It is revealed from the report that no mangrove were seen in alignment of pipeline on private and forest land. There are only two spots where 4 small mangrove bushes were seen in private area which in 6.00 to 6.30 meters away from the existing pipeline.

The pipeline has already been laid 2 to 3 years back. The Project Authority of this proposal i.e. Col. Om Pawar (authorized signatory) for JSW Steel Ltd, Dolvi, Taluka Pen, Dist., Raigad has started non-forestry work on forest land as well as non-forest land and has caused a violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the user agency has submitted a violation note to that effect. The required report in prescribed format regarding violation as per G.R. dated 02/12/1993 along with note regarding circumstances under which the work has undertaken in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, is attached in the proposal.

- 8.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has certified, the proposed Project is not likely to affect any monuments, site of culture, historical, and religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 9.00 The proposal is for laying of water pipeline. The project involves below 1.00 ha. Forest land, therefore the Compensatory Non-forest land is not required. Hence Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on the area of 1.00 ha. on degraded forest land. The degraded forest land is identified for Compensatory Afforestation from Reserved forest of Nagothane Range, Comptt. No. 384/A of village Sukeli, Taluka Roha, Dist. Raigad. The project authority is willing to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation as required by the Government and also ready to bear the cost of felling of trees.
- 10.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has carried out site inspection on dated 25.05.2016. The same is submitted in the proposal.


- 11.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag's report are self-explanatory and this office agrees with the same.
- 12.00 As per the recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag, this project is for supply of water to industries and drinking water to nearby villages as mentioned by project agency. The proposal is recommended on condition to recover Net Present Value, Cost of Afforestation and also take penal compensatory Afforestation action as per Government of India directions for violation done by the Project Authority and the cost of removal of illegally laid pipeline leading to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 which amounted to Rs. 1.00 lakh may be reimbursed as forest Revenue of Government.
- 13.00 Four sets of proposals are enclosed herewith with all required documents for further necessary action. Proposal is submitted online vide No. **FP/MH/**

Enclosure – As above

  
**Chief Conservator of Forests (T),  
Thane**

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag for information and necessary action.

Copy to Col. Om Pawar, JSW Steel Ltd, Geetapuram, Dolvi, Taluka pen, Dist., Raigad for information and necessary action.

  
**Chief Conservator of Forest, (T)  
Thane**