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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 18.1150 ha. forest land for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along with its OFC Passing through Thane, Shahapur, West Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha and Nagpur forest division in favour of Sr. Manager, (PE-S & LR), GAIL (India) Limited (FP/MH/Pipeline/139865/2021).

No. : Desk-17/Nodal/Thane /I.D- 113050 (78)139 /2022-23  
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated 05/09/2022

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

The Sr. Manager, (PE-S & LR), GAIL (India) Limited has submitted Proposal for diversion of 18.1150 ha. forest land for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along with its OFC Passing through Thane, Shahapur, West Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha and Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra.

2.0 The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

Sr. No.	Name of Circle	Name of Division	District	Name of Village	Details of forest land required				Legal Status
					Survey / No.	Old / Gut No.	Comptt. No.	Area (in Ha.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Thane	Thane	Thane	Titwala	247	--	--	0.3343	Reserved Forest
2				Runde	88	--	--	0.0563	Protected Forest
					87	--	--	0.2256	
3				Nadgaon	96	98	--	0.0509	Private Forest
					92/1	88	--	0.0788	
					69	206	--	0.0566	Protected Forest
					75	75	--	0.0132	Private Forest
					78	72	--	0.0510	
					69	206	--	0.0154	Protected Forest
4				Phalegaon	232	--	--	0.0785	Forest
					206/4,5,6,7	--	--	0.0830	Private Forest
					207	--	--	0.0297	Protected Forest
					33	--	--	0.0819	Forest
5				Ushid	63/1, 12	--	--	0.0391	Private Forest
					105/1,2,3	--	--	0.0085	
					106/3,4	--	--	0.0440	
					31	--	--	0.0260	Protected Forest
(A) Total Area in Thane Forest Division								1.2728	--
6	Thane	Shahapur	Thane	Hal	53	112	--	0.0271	Protected Forest
7				Shei	58/6A	307	--	0.0155	Restored Forest
					58/5,6,7,61/2, 54/6,	313	--	0.0069	Private Forest

					60/1, 71/1, 60/6					
					76/3	338	--	0.0309		
					9/7	58	--	0.0015	Restored Private Forest	
					97	67	--	0.0884	Protected Forest	
8					Shere	230	648/A	--	0.1034	
						151/3	564	--	0.0078	Restored Private Forest
						225/1A	489	--	0.1383	Protected Forest
						90/3B	463	--	0.0462	Restored Private Forest
						90/3A	462	--	0.0464	
						97/1	473	--	0.0541	
						--	River	--	0.0106	Protected Forest
9					Ras	--	River	--	0.0084	Protected Forest
						70	--	--	0.3768	
						28	--	--	0.0278	Restored Private Forest
10					Hiv	111	188	--	0.1284	Reserved Forest
						41, 42, 43	148	--	0.0198	Restored Private Forest
						111	188	--	0.0423	Reserved Forest
						109	185	--	0.0085	Protected Forest
						12	184	--	0.0139	Restored Private Forest
						90/8,9	251	--	0.0853	Protected Forest
						72	--	--	0.0664	
						73	--	--	0.3266	
11					Andad	117	154	--	0.0160	Protected Forest
						117	149	--	0.0672	
12					Khutghar	60	155	--	0.0119	Restored Private Forest
						117	149	--	0.0898	Protected Forest
						117	149	--	0.0793	
						116	139	--	0.0272	
						116	137/1	--	0.0104	
						57	138	--	0.0214	Restored Private Forest
						53	130	--	0.0234	Restored Private Forest
						37, 38	109	--	0.0322	Restored Private Forest
						40	99	--	0.0045	Restored Private Forest
13					Sapgaon	32/19	289	--	0.0232	Restored Private Forest
						28/B	229	--	0.0832	Reserved



14	Shelvali	116+107/B	223	--	0.0073	Forest
		41	232	--	0.0231	Reserved Forest
		107/A/1	233	--	0.1859	Restored Private Forest
15	Kasgaon	111	149	--	0.0296	Protected Forest
		79	148	--	0.0183	Restored Private Forest
		111	149	--	0.1136	Protected Forest
		51/1B	138	--	0.0122	Restored Private Forest
		51/1A	139	--	0.0086	Restored Private Forest
		51/2, 52/1	142	--	0.0101	Restored Private Forest
		111	149	--	0.0178	Protected Forest
		53/1	137	--	0.0109	Restored Private Forest
		111	149	--	0.0101	Protected Forest
		54	135	--	0.0056	Restored Private Forest
		111	149	--	0.0261	Protected Forest
		59, 60, 61/3, 61/4	114	--	0.0412	Restored Private Forest
		57/1, 58, 60/2, 62/13	113	--	0.0539	Restored Private Forest
		61/1	51	--	0.0332	Finally acquired Forest
		15, 19/1A, 41/1, 62/3, 2C	36	--	0.0560	Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
		110	27	--	0.0561	Protected Forest
16	Sarlambe	12	45	--	0.0162	Protected Forest
17	Khutadi	2/3A, 83/2, 123/1, 123/2A, 124/2	6/1A	--	0.0470	2/3/A Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
		88/1	5	--	0.0161	Restored Private Forest
		138	36	--	0.0798	Reserved

									Forest
18				Birwadi	87	276/2	--	0.0157	87/2 Restored Private Forest
19				Lahe	240/A	115	--	0.0206	Restored Private Forest
20				Chande	29/8, 30/8, 17/4, 18/1, 13/3, 28/5,8, 30/1,2,3,4, 5,6,7,38/9	40	--	0.0510	Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					49	91	--	0.0827	Reserved Forest
21				Dalkhan	122	161	--	0.0795	Finally acquired Forest
					92/2	166/C	--	0.0329	Finally acquired Forest
22				Khardi	84	--	--	0.0220	Restored Private Forest
					84	--	--	0.0538	Finally acquired Forest
					274	--	--	0.0140	Reserved Forest
23				Golbhan	42/2	146	--	0.0103	Finally acquired Forest
					14/1,2, 15/1,2, 16/1A,1B, 2A,2B,3A 18/1,3, 19/1, 97/1,2, 83/1,2,3, 114/1,2	67	--	0.0469	15/1 and 15/2 and 83/1,2,3, Restored Private Forest
					123	56	--	0.0491	Protected Forest
24				Shirol	619	1039	--	0.4068	
					618	1474	--	0.0265	
					667	1190	--	0.1450	
					650	1197	--	0.0084	
					649	1194	--	0.0838	
25				Kasara Bk.	355	133	--	0.0397	Protected Forest
					369	77	--	0.0220	Reserved Forest
					355	133	--	0.0703	Protected Forest
					369	77	--	0.0406	Reserved Forest
					355	133	--	0.0869	Protected Forest
					156	151	--	0.0063	Restored Private Forest
					357	152	--	0.0334	Protected Forest
					265/1,4,5, 6,7,8,9	155	--	0.0260	265/13, 265/5 Restored



									Private Forest
					364	60	--	0.0619	Protected Forest
					261/3,5,6	59	--	0.0694	Restored
					257	64	--	0.0857	Private Forest
					365	65	--	0.0427	Protected Forest
					255	66	--	0.1009	Restored
					140	49	--	0.0284	Private Forest
					140	49	--	0.1081	Forest
					369	77	--	0.2426	
					River	--	--	0.0028	Reserved Forest
26				Vashala Khurd	101	101	--	0.1405	Reserved Forest
					River	--	--	0.0007	Forest
27				Vashala Bk.	253	348	--	0.1284	Reserved Forest
					197	340	--	0.0882	Protected Forest
					203/1, 206	293	--	0.0734	Private Forest (Pending Enquiry)
					249/1	349	--	0.0818	Protected Forest
					253	348	--	0.0983	Reserved Forest
					249/1	349	--	0.1610	Protected Forest
					--	472	--	0.1992	Forest
					245, 250	400	--	0.9157	
					253	348	--	0.2241	Reserved Forest
28				Fugale	--	35A	--	1.0292	Private Forest
					--	33	--	0.1345	Forest
					--	5/2	--	0.0080	
					--	31/4	--	0.2746	
					--	37	--	0.3747	Reserved Forest
<b>(B) Total Area in Shahapur Forest Division</b>									<b>9.1987</b>
29	Nashik	West Nashik	Nashik	Borli	152	--	--	0.1610	Reserved Forest
30			Nashik	Ghorwad	170	--	--	0.0210	
31			Nashik	Shivmade	553	--	--	0.2494	
32			Nashik	Khambale	710	--	--	0.1765	
<b>(C) Total Area in West Nashik Forest Division</b>									<b>0.6079</b>
33	Nashik	Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar	Kokamthan	8/1	--	--	0.0879	Reserved Forest
34				Kokamthan	7	--	--	0.0072	Reserved Forest
35				Dhotre	1	--	--	0.0273	Identified Forest
<b>(D) Total Area in Ahmednagar Forest Division</b>									<b>0.1224</b>
36	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Abdimandi	17	--	--	0.1221	Reserved Forest
37				Bhikapur	12	--	--	0.0745	
					10	--	--	0.1262	
38				Krishnapur wadi	5	--	--	0.0354	
39				Pokhari	7	--	--	0.0776	
					7	--	--	0.0178	
40				Shendrabani	56	--	--	0.1883	
41				Warzadi	241B	--	--	0.0778	
					275	--	--	0.0224	

42				Jaipur	12	--	--	0.0828	
145					181	--	--	0.1228	
<b>(E) Total Area in Aurangabad Forest Division</b>								<b>0.9477</b>	
43	Amravati	Buldhana	Buldhana	Palaskhed Malangdeo	6, 7, 8	--	--	0.1407	Reserved Forest
44				Palaskhed Zalta	11, 12, 13 (162)	--	--	0.1299	
					14, 15, 16 (168)	--	--	0.0810	
					21, 22 (161)	--	--	0.0265	
					20 (155)	--	--	0.1074	
					32 (158)	--	--	0.0806	
					34 (35)	--	--	0.0359	
					35	--	--	0.0309	
<b>(F) Total Area in Buldana Forest Division</b>								<b>0.6329</b>	--
45	Amravati	Amravati	Amravati	Salod	30	--	2	0.0603	Reserved Forest
					37	--	2	0.0078	
46				Wadhona	256	--	208	0.0706	
<b>(G) Total Area in Amaravati Forest Division</b>								<b>0.1387</b>	--
47	Yavatmal	Washim	Washim	Kolgaon Bk.	169,97	--	E-116	0.2081	Unclass Forest
48				Regaon	109	--	E-106	0.1842	
49				Kinhiraja	18,49,48, 59,60	--	108, 109, 110	0.7812	Reserved Forest
50				Kavardari	10,87,66	--	103, 105, 106, 107	0.6177	
51				Januna Khurd	51	--	116	0.2289	
52				Yedshi	77,75,20	--	116	0.2589	
53				Pangari	11,10	--	136	0.2286	
54				Mandwa	51,68,70	--	C-103	0.3753	
55				Poha	37,4,5	--	C-99	0.1597	
56				Taroli	41	--	E-113	0.0803	
57				Kolgaon Khurd	97	--	49	0.3813	
58				Wai pr. Karanja	124	--	C-106	0.0173	
<b>(H) Total Area in Washim Forest Division</b>								<b>3.5215</b>	--
59	Nagpur	Wardha	Wardha	Lonsawali	122	--	--	0.0572	Zudpi Jungle Land
					127	--	--	0.0092	
					127	--	--	0.0398	
60				Dhamangaon	65	--	--	0.2421	
61				Wathoda	83	--	--	0.2020	
62				Khadki	80	--	--	0.0124	
					56	--	--	0.0113	
63				Kotamba	300	--	--	0.0135	
					206	--	--	0.0203	
					210	--	--	0.0580	
64				Itala	7	--	--	0.1793	
65				Kinhala	62	--	--	0.0478	
					63	--	--	0.0582	
66				Kelzar	616	--	--	0.0104	
67				Amgaon	44	--	--	0.0271	
<b>(I) Total Area in Wardha Forest Division</b>								<b>0.9886</b>	--
68	Nagpur	Nagpur	Nagpur	Haladgaon	157	--	--	0.0510	Zudpi Jungle Land
					124	--	--	0.0215	
69				Sawangi	62	--	--	0.0378	
					67	--	--	0.0712	
70				Ghodegaon	18	--	--	0.0299	
					19	--	--	0.0688	
					39	--	--	0.0097	
					54	--	--	0.0082	
					76	--	--	0.1309	
71				Borgaon	22	--	--	0.0208	
72				Kinhi	11	--	--	0.0207	



				52	--	--	0.0262	
				51	--	--	0.0083	
				50	--	--	0.1017	
73			Wayfal	92	--	--	0.0771	
<b>(J) Total Area in Nagpur Forest Division</b>								<b>0.6838</b>
<b>Grand Total of (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)+(I)+(J)</b>								<b>18.1150</b>

3.00 Circle wise and Division wise area statement is as below-

Sr. No.	Name of Circle	Name of Division	Area (in ha.)
1	Thane	Thane	1.2728
2		Shahapur	9.1987
(A) Total Area of Thane Circle			10.4715
3	Nashik	West Nashik	0.6079
4		Ahmednagar	0.1224
(B) Total Area of Nashik Circle			0.7303
5	Amaravati	Buldhana	0.6329
6		Amaravati	0.1387
(c) Total Area of Amaravati Circle			0.7716
7	Nagpur	Wardha	0.9886
8		Nagpur	0.6838
(D) Total Area of Nagpur Circle			1.6724
9	(E) Aurangabad	Aurangabad	0.9477
10	(F) Yavatmal	Washim	3.5215
Grand Total (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)			18.1150

4.0 The GAIL (India) Ltd., has planned to establish 24" Dia natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along forest land in the Right of Way of Nagpur- Mumbai Sambruddhi Expressway and Mumbai-Manmad Pipeline of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., The laying of Natural Gas pipeline proposed by the GAIL (India) Ltd., from Mumbai to Nagpur passing through Thane, Shahapur, West, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha & Nagpur Forest Divisions. The proposed forest land has already been diverted to MSRDCCL for construction of Nagpur Mumbai Super Communication Expressway (Package-V) vide Government of India, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. FC-III/MH-35/2018-NGP/7757, dated 29/01/2021 and also to BPCL for laying underground pipeline from Mumbai to Manmad vide MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No. 8-C/15/187/93-FCW, dated 03/03/1997 and also to Dahej-Uran Pipeline (DUPL) sanctioned vide letter No. B-MHC/008/2004-BHO/589, dated 03/04/2006.

The Managing Director, MSRDCCL vide letter dated 30/12/2020 has given consent letter to allot 3 meter width on right side alignment (Nagpur to Mumbai Direction) of Samrudhhi Expressway for laying natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur to GAIL (India) Ltd. as well as CGM pipelines (Operations and Projects), Bharat Petroleum Corporation vide letter dated 24/02/2022 has given consent letter for laying natural Gas Pipeline of GAIL (India) Ltd. in BPCL's RoW.

The Project Agency highlighted that "GAIL (India) Ltd., has planned to establish pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur crossing a total 361 number of villages. As a part of the project, clean natural gas will be made available to various domestic, commercial and industrial



customers across these districts. The pipeline is planned from Mumbai to Nagpur along samruddhi Expressway, Dahej-Uran pipeline (DUPL) & Mumbai Manmad Bijwasan Pipeline (MMBPL) and will directly result in reducing pollution and improving the environment and will also greatly benefit the people of the region by being able to easily access clean and efficient fuel for their needs. The project will generate employment for people and benefit the population of the entire region”

**5.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane, Shahapur, West Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha and Nagpur have certified that:-**

- 1) The total non forest involved in project is 205.5741ha.
- 2) The cross section map is enclosed herewith on page no. 117 (Volume-I).
- 3) The copy of the Administrative Approval accorded by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board letter No. PNGRB/Auth/2-NGPL/02/2020, dated 15/05/2022
- 4) (i) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane Forest Division, Thane is enclosed on page no.51 to 53.  
 (ii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur Forest Division, Shahapur is enclosed on page no.85 to 87.  
 (iii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik Division is enclosed on page no. 85 to 86A.  
 (iv) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ahmednagar Forest Division is enclosed on page no.54 to 55.  
 (v) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Aurangabad Forest Division is enclosed on page no.72 to 73.  
 (vi) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Forest Division is enclosed on page no.91 to 93.  
 (vii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Washim Forest Division, Washim is enclosed on page no.35 to 37.  
 (viii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forest Division, Amravati is enclosed on page no.49 to 51.  
 (ix) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha Forest Division, Wardha is enclosed on page no.198 to 200.  
 (x) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur is enclosed on page no.150 to 151.
- 5) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
- 6) (i) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I, having density is below 0.4 (Open Forest).  
 (ii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I, having density is below 0.01 (Open Forest).  
 (iii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I, having density is below 0.4 (Open Forest).  
 (iv) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.01 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).  
 (v) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.01 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).



- (vi) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.1 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).
  - (vii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is 0.4 to 0.6 (Southern Dry Deciduous Forest).
  - (viii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.4 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).
  - (ix) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.4 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).
  - (x) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.4 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).
- 7) (i) There are 77 trees of various species required to be felled for implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under:-

Tree Girth in Cm.									
Division	0-30 cm	31-45 cm	46-60 cm	61-75 cm	76-90 cm	91-120 cm	121-150 cm	Above 150 cm	Total
Thane	5	26	16	9	9	0	0	0	65
Buldhana	0	7	0	2	0	3	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>

- (ii) There is no tree felling involved in the project.
- 8) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 9) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 10) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 11) (i) Proposed project is 9.980 km from the boundary of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary nearest forest at Village Ushid which is proposed for diversion. The copy of the Gazate of India vide dated 10/08/2017 is enclosed herewith. The said proposal from Mumbai to Nagpur along forest land in the Right of Way of Nagpur- Mumbai Sambruddhi Expressway (Package-V). In this proposal the some conditions laid by NBWL in its meeting held on 07/09/2018 the same mentioned Central Government of India final approval letter dated 29/01/2021 (copy enclosed).
- (ii) Proposed project is within 10 Kms. from the boundary of the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. The nearest Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 1.475 Km away (Within Deemed Eco-Sensitive zone) from project boundary.
  - (iii) Proposed project is not located within 10 Km from the boundary of any National Park/ Sanctuary. The project site is 21.10 Km from Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary.
  - (iv) Proposed project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of the Protected Area (Sanctuary and National Park)
  - (v) Proposed project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Wildlife Corridor/Biological Reserve.
  - (vi) Proposed project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of the National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Wildlife Corridor/Biological Reserved.



- (vii) Proposed project is 0.230 Km from the boundary of the protected area (Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary).
  - (viii) Proposed project is beyond 10 Km from the boundary of the Melghat Tiger Reserve
  - (ix) Proposed project is beyond 10 Km from the boundary of the Protected Area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.
  - (x) Proposed project is beyond 10 Km from the boundary of the Protected Area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.
- 12) This is a Re-diversion proposal, so Compensatory land not required as per Government of India guidelines No.F.No.8-66/2009-FC-pt, dated 30/09/2011.
  - 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.
  - 14) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value
  - 15) As the proposal is for Re-Diversion of Forest land, the Project Authority has submitted the undertaking that MSRDCL has already submitted the FRA, 2006 certificates from concerned Collectors.
  - 16) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane, Shahapur, West Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha and Nagpur have recommended the proposal for diversion of 18.1150 ha. forest land.  
The Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik Division has recommended in its Site Inspection Report it is felt that some equipments like fire blowers. Fire extinguishers, fire beaters etc may be kept at ready disposal of Forest Department locally so that quick action can be taken in case of accidental leakage of gas in pipeline causing Forest Fire.
  - 17) The Chief Conservator of Forest (T),/ Chief Conservator of Forests, Thane, Nashik, Amravati, Nagpur, Aurangabad and Yavatmal have recommended the proposal for diversion of 18.1150 of 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 Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the User Agency.

**2.3** This is a Re-diversion proposal, so Compensatory land not required as per Government of India guidelines No.F.No.8-66/2009-FC-pt, dated 30/09/2011

**2.4 NPV:-**

- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 18.1150 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.

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Encl. :- Proposal 2 copies

(Naresh Zurmure)  
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				51/1A	139	--	0.0086	Restored Private Forest
				51/2, 52/1	142	--	0.0101	Restored Private Forest
				111	149	--	0.0178	Protected Forest
				53/1	137	--	0.0109	Restored Private Forest
				111	149	--	0.0101	Protected Forest
				54	135	--	0.0056	Restored Private Forest
				111	149	--	0.0261	Protected Forest
				59, 60, 61/3, 61/4	114	--	0.0412	Restored Private Forest
				57/1, 58, 60/2, 62/13	113	--	0.0539	Restored Private Forest
				61/1	51	--	0.0332	Finally acquired Forest
				15, 19/1A, 41/1, 62/3,2C	36	--	0.0560	Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
				110	27	--	0.0561	Protected Forest
16			Sarlambe	12	45	--	0.0162	Protected Forest



17				Khutadi	2/3A, 83/2, 123/1, 123/2A, 124/2	6/1A	--	0.0470	2/3/A Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					88/1	5	--	0.0161	Restored Private Forest
					138	36	--	0.0798	Reserved Forest
18				Birwadi	87	276/2	--	0.0157	87/2 Restored Private Forest
19				Lahe	240/A	115	--	0.0206	Restored Private Forest
20				Chande	29/8, 30/8, 17/4, 18/1, 13/3, 28/5,8, 30/1,2,3,4, 5,6,7,38/9	40	--	0.0510	Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					49	91	--	0.0827	Reserved Forest
				Dalkhan	122	161	--	0.0795	
21					92/2	166/C	--	0.0329	Finally acquired Forest
22				Khardi	84	--	--	0.0220	Restored Private Forest
					84	--	--	0.0538	Finally acquired Forest
					274	--	--	0.0140	Reserved Forest
23				Golbhan	42/2	146	--	0.0103	Finally acquired Forest
					14/1,2, 15/1,2, 16/1A,1B, 2A,2B,3A 18/1,3, 19/1, 97/1,2, 83/1,2,3, 114/1,2	67	--	0.0469	15/1 and 15/2 and 83/1,2,3, Restored Private Forest
				Shirol	123	56	--	0.0491	Protected Forest
					619	1039	--	0.4068	
					618	1474	--	0.0265	
					667	1190	--	0.1450	
24					650	1197	--	0.0084	

25				Kasara Bk.	649	1194	--	0.0838	
					355	133	--	0.0397	Protected Forest
					369	77	--	0.0220	Reserved Forest
					355	133	--	0.0703	Protected Forest
					369	77	--	0.0406	Reserved Forest
					355	133	--	0.0869	Protected Forest
					156	151	--	0.0063	Restored Private Forest
					357	152	--	0.0334	Protected Forest
					265/1,4,5,6,7,8,9	155	--	0.0260	265/13, 265/5 Restored Private Forest
					364	60	--	0.0619	Protected Forest
					261/3,5,6	59	--	0.0694	Restored Private Forest
					257	64	--	0.0857	
					365	65	--	0.0427	Protected Forest
					255	66	--	0.1009	Restored Private Forest
					140	49	--	0.0284	
					140	49	--	0.1081	
					369	77	--	0.2426	
					River	--	--	0.0028	Reserved Forest
26				Vashala Khurd	101	101	--	0.1405	Reserved Forest
27				Vashala Bk.	River	--	--	0.0007	Reserved Forest
					253	348	--	0.1284	Reserved Forest
					197	340	--	0.0882	Protected Forest
					203/1, 206	293	--	0.0734	Private Forest (Pending Enquiry)
					249/1	349	--	0.0818	Protected Forest
					253	348	--	0.0983	Reserved Forest
					249/1	349	--	0.1610	Protected Forest
					--	472	--	0.1992	
					245, 250	400	--	0.9157	Reserved Forest
					253	348	--	0.2241	
28				Fugale	--	35A	--	1.0292	Private



					--	33	--	0.1345	Forest
					--	5/2	--	0.0080	
					--	31/4	--	0.2746	
					--	37	--	0.3747	Reserved Forest
<b>(B) Total Area in Shahapur Forest Division</b>									9.1987
29	Nashik	West Nashik	Nashik	Borli	152	--	--	0.1610	Reserved Forest
30			Nashik	Ghorwad	170	--	--	0.0210	
31			Nashik	Shivmade	553	--	--	0.2494	
32			Nashik	Khambale	710	--	--	0.1765	
<b>(C) Total Area in West Nashik Forest Division</b>									0.6079
33	Nashik	Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar	Kokamthan	8/1	--	--	0.0879	Reserved Forest
34				Kokamthan	7	--	--	0.0072	Reserved Forest
35				Dhotre	1	--	--	0.0273	Identified Forest
<b>(D) Total Area in Ahmednagar Forest Division</b>									0.1224
36	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Abdimandi	17	--	--	0.1221	Reserved Forest
37				Bhikapur	12	--	--	0.0745	
					10	--	--	0.1262	
38				Krishnapur wadi	5	--	--	0.0354	
39				Pokhari	7	--	--	0.0776	
					7	--	--	0.0178	
40				Shendrabani	56	--	--	0.1883	
41				Warzadi	241B	--	--	0.0778	
					275	--	--	0.0224	
42				Jaipur	12	--	--	0.0828	
145					181	--	--	0.1228	
<b>(E) Total Area in Aurangabad Forest Division</b>									0.9477
43	Amravati	Buldhana	Buldhana	Palaskhed Malangdeo	6, 7, 8	--	--	0.1407	Reserved Forest
44				Palaskhed Zalta	11, 12, 13 (162)	--	--	0.1299	
					14, 15, 16 (168)	--	--	0.0810	
					21, 22 (161)	--	--	0.0265	
					20 (155)	--	--	0.1074	
					32 (158)	--	--	0.0806	
					34 (35)	--	--	0.0359	
					35	--	--	0.0309	
<b>(F) Total Area in Buldana Forest Division</b>									0.6329
45	Amravati	Amravati	Amravati	Salod	30	--	2	0.0603	Reserved Forest
					37	--	2	0.0078	
46				Wadhona	256	--	208	0.0706	
<b>(G) Total Area in Amravati Forest Division</b>									0.1387
47	Yavatmal	Washim	Washim	Kolgaon Bk.	169,97	--	E-116	0.2081	Unclass Forest
48				Regaon	109	--	E-106	0.1842	
49				Kinhiraja	18,49,48, 59,60	--	108, 109, 110	0.7812	Reserved Forest
50				Kavardari	10,87,66	--	103, 105, 106, 107	0.6177	

51				Januna Khurd	51	--	116	0.2289	
52				Yedshi	77,75,20	--	116	0.2589	
53				Pangari	11,10	--	136	0.2286	
54				Mandwa	51,68,70	--	C-103	0.3753	
55				Poha	37,4,5	--	C-99	0.1597	
56				Taroli	41	--	E-113	0.0803	
57				Kolgaon Khurd	97	--	49	0.3813	
58				Wai pr. Karanja	124	--	C-106	0.0173	
<b>(H) Total Area in Washim Forest Division</b>								<b>3.5215</b>	--
59	Nagpur	Wardha	Wardha	Lonsawali	122	--	--	0.0572	Zudpi Jungle Land
					127	--	--	0.0092	
					127	--	--	0.0398	
60				Dhamangaon	65	--	--	0.2421	
61				Wathoda	83	--	--	0.2020	
62				Khadki	80	--	--	0.0124	
					56	--	--	0.0113	
63				Kotamba	300	--	--	0.0135	
					206	--	--	0.0203	
					210	--	--	0.0580	
64				Itala	7	--	--	0.1793	
65				Kinhala	62	--	--	0.0478	
					63	--	--	0.0582	
66				Kelzar	616	--	--	0.0104	
67				Amgaon	44	--	--	0.0271	
<b>(I) Total Area in Wardha Forest Division</b>								<b>0.9886</b>	--
68	Nagpur	Nagpur	Nagpur	Haladgaon	157	--	--	0.0510	Zudpi Jungle Land
					124	--	--	0.0215	
69				Sawangi	62	--	--	0.0378	
					67	--	--	0.0712	
70				Ghodegaon	18	--	--	0.0299	
					19	--	--	0.0688	
					39	--	--	0.0097	
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					76	--	--	0.1309	
71				Borgaon	22	--	--	0.0208	
72				Kinhi	11	--	--	0.0207	
					52	--	--	0.0262	
					51	--	--	0.0083	
					50	--	--	0.1017	
73				Wayfal	92	--	--	0.0771	
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*Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Maharashtra State, Nagpur is attached on page no.*

*5/9/22*

(Naresh Zurmure)  
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					51/2, 52/1	142	--	0.0101	Restored Private Forest
					111	149	--	0.0178	Protected Forest
					53/1	137	--	0.0109	Restored Private Forest
					111	149	--	0.0101	Protected Forest
					54	135	--	0.0056	Restored Private Forest
					111	149	--	0.0261	Protected Forest
					59, 60, 61/3, 61/4	114	--	0.0412	Restored Private Forest
					57/1, 58, 60/2, 62/13	113	--	0.0539	Restored Private Forest
					61/1	51	--	0.0332	Finally acquired Forest
16				Sarlambe	12	45	--	0.0162	Protected Forest
					110	27	--	0.0561	Protected Forest
17				Khutadi	2/3A, 83/2, 123/1, 123/2A, 124/2	6/1A	--	0.0470	2/3/A Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					88/1	5	--	0.0161	Restored Private Forest
					138	36	--	0.0798	Reserved Forest
18				Birwadi	87	276/2	--	0.0157	87/2 Restored Private



									Forest
19				Lahe	240/A	115	--	0.0206	Restored Private Forest
20				Chande	29/8, 30/8, 17/4, 18/1, 13/3, 28/5, 8, 30/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 38/9	40	--	0.0510	Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					49	91	--	0.0827	Reserved Forest
21				Dalkhan	122	161	--	0.0795	Finally acquired Forest
					92/2	166/C	--	0.0329	Finally acquired Forest
22				Khardi	84	--	--	0.0220	Restored Private Forest
					84	--	--	0.0538	Finally acquired Forest
					274	--	--	0.0140	Reserved Forest
23				Golbhan	42/2	146	--	0.0103	Finally acquired Forest
					14/1, 2, 15/1, 2, 16/1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A 18/1, 3, 19/1, 97/1, 2, 83/1, 2, 3, 114/1, 2	67	--	0.0469	15/1 and 15/2 and 83/1, 2, 3, Restored Private Forest
					123	56	--	0.0491	Protected Forest
24				Shirol	619	1039	--	0.4068	
					618	1474	--	0.0265	
					667	1190	--	0.1450	
					650	1197	--	0.0084	
					649	1194	--	0.0838	
25				Kasara Bk.	355	133	--	0.0397	Protected Forest
					369	77	--	0.0220	Reserved Forest
					355	133	--	0.0703	Protected Forest
					369	77	--	0.0406	Reserved Forest
					355	133	--	0.0869	Protected Forest
					156	151	--	0.0063	Restored Private Forest
					357	152	--	0.0334	Protected Forest
					265/1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	155	--	0.0260	265/13, 265/5 Restored Private

						364	60	--	0.0619	Forest
										Protected Forest
						261/3,5,6	59	--	0.0694	Restored
						257	64	--	0.0857	Private Forest
						365	65	--	0.0427	Protected Forest
						255	66	--	0.1009	Restored
						140	49	--	0.0284	Private Forest
						140	49	--	0.1081	Forest
						369	77	--	0.2426	
						River	--	--	0.0028	Reserved Forest
26				Vashala Khurd	101	101	--	0.1405	Reserved Forest	
River					--	--	0.0007	Forest		
27				Vashala Bk.	253	348	--	0.1284	Reserved Forest	
					197	340	--	0.0882	Protected Forest	
					203/1, 206	293	--	0.0734	Private Forest (Pending Enquiry)	
					249/1	349	--	0.0818	Protected Forest	
					253	348	--	0.0983	Reserved Forest	
					249/1	349	--	0.1610	Protected Forest	
					--	472	--	0.1992	Forest	
					245, 250	400	--	0.9157		
	253	348	--		0.2241	Reserved Forest				
28	Fugale	--	35A	--	1.0292	Private Forest				
		--	33	--	0.1345	Forest				
		--	5/2	--	0.0080					
		--	31/4	--	0.2746					
		--	37	--	0.3747	Reserved Forest				
(B) Total Area in Shahapur Forest Division									9.1987	--
29	Nashik	West Nashik	Nashik	Borli	152	--	--	0.1610	Reserved Forest	
30			Nashik	Ghorwad	170	--	--	0.0210		
31			Nashik	Shivmade	553	--	--	0.2494		
32			Nashik	Khambale	710	--	--	0.1765		
(C) Total Area in West Nashik Forest Division									0.6079	--
33	Nashik	Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar	Kokamthan	8/1	--	--	0.0879	Reserved Forest	
34				Kokamthan	7	--	--	0.0072	Reserved Forest	
35				Dhotre	1	--	--	0.0273	Identified Forest	
(D) Total Area in Ahmednagar Forest Division									0.1224	--
36	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Abdimandi	17	--	--	0.1221	Reserved Forest	
37				Bhikapur	12	--	--	0.0745		
					10	--	--	0.1262		
38				Krishnapur wadi	5	--	--	0.0354		
39				Pokhari	7	--	--	0.0776		
					7	--	--	0.0178		
40	Shendraban	56	--	--	0.1883					



41				Warzadi	241B	--	--	0.0778	
					275	--	--	0.0224	
42				Jaipur	12	--	--	0.0828	
145					181	--	--	0.1228	
<b>(E) Total Area in Aurangabad Forest Division</b>								<b>0.9477</b>	
43	Amravati	Buldhana	Buldhana	Palaskhed Malangdeo	6, 7, 8	--	--	0.1407	Reserved Forest
44				Palaskhed Zalta	11, 12, 13 (162)	--	--	0.1299	
					14, 15, 16 (168)	--	--	0.0810	
					21, 22 (161)	--	--	0.0265	
					20 (155)	--	--	0.1074	
					32 (158)	--	--	0.0806	
					34 (35)	--	--	0.0359	
					35	--	--	0.0309	
<b>(F) Total Area in Buldana Forest Division</b>								<b>0.6329</b>	--
45	Amravati	Amravati	Amravati	Salod	30	--	2	0.0603	Reserved Forest
					37	--	2	0.0078	
46				Wadhona	256	--	208	0.0706	
<b>(G) Total Area in Amaravati Forest Division</b>								<b>0.1387</b>	--
47	Yavatmal	Washim	Washim	Kolgaon Bk.	169,97	--	E-116	0.2081	Unclass Forest
48				Regaon	109	--	E-106	0.1842	
49				Kinhiraja	18,49,48, 59,60	--	108, 109, 110	0.7812	Reserved Forest
50				Kavardari	10,87,66	--	103, 105, 106, 107	0.6177	
51				Januna Khurd	51	--	116	0.2289	
52				Yedshi	77,75,20	--	116	0.2589	
53				Pangari	11,10	--	136	0.2286	
54				Mandwa	51,68,70	--	C-103	0.3753	
55				Poha	37,4,5	--	C-99	0.1597	
56				Taroli	41	--	E-113	0.0803	
57				Kolgaon Khurd	97	--	49	0.3813	
58				Wai pr. Karanja	124	--	C-106	0.0173	
<b>(H) Total Area in Washim Forest Division</b>								<b>3.5215</b>	--
59	Nagpur	Wardha	Wardha	Lonsawali	122	--	--	0.0572	Zudpi Jungle Land
					127	--	--	0.0092	
					127	--	--	0.0398	
60				Dhamangaon	65	--	--	0.2421	
61				Wathoda	83	--	--	0.2020	
62				Khadki	80	--	--	0.0124	
					56	--	--	0.0113	
63				Kotamba	300	--	--	0.0135	
					206	--	--	0.0203	
					210	--	--	0.0580	
64				Itala	7	--	--	0.1793	
65				Kinhala	62	--	--	0.0478	
					63	--	--	0.0582	
66				Kelzar	616	--	--	0.0104	
67				Amgaon	44	--	--	0.0271	
<b>(I) Total Area in Wardha Forest Division</b>								<b>0.9886</b>	--
68	Nagpur	Nagpur	Nagpur	Haladgaon	157	--	--	0.0510	Zudpi Jungle Land
					124	--	--	0.0215	
69				Sawangi	62	--	--	0.0378	
					67	--	--	0.0712	
70				Ghodegaon	18	--	--	0.0299	
					19	--	--	0.0688	
					39	--	--	0.0097	



				54	--	--	0.0082	
				76	--	--	0.1309	
71			Borgaon	22	--	--	0.0208	
72			Kinhi	11	--	--	0.0207	
				52	--	--	0.0262	
				51	--	--	0.0083	
				50	--	--	0.1017	
73			Wayfal	92	--	--	0.0771	
<b>(J) Total Area in Nagpur Forest Division</b>							<b>0.6838</b>	--
<b>Grand Total of (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)+(I)+(J)</b>							<b>18.1150</b>	--

3.00 Circle wise and Division wise area statement is as below-

Sr. No.	Name of Circle	Name of Division	Area (in ha.)
1	Thane	Thane	1.2728
2		Shahapur	9.1987
(A) Total Area of Thane Circle			10.4715
3	Nashik	West Nashik	0.6079
4		Ahmednagar	0.1224
(B) Total Area of Nashik Circle			0.7303
5	Amaravati	Buldhana	0.6329
6		Amaravati	0.1387
(c) Total Area of Amaravati Circle			0.7716
7	Nagpur	Wardha	0.9886
8		Nagpur	0.6838
(D) Total Area of Nagpur Circle			1.6724
9	(E) Aurangabad	Aurangabad	0.9477
10	(F) Yavatmal	Washim	3.5215
Grand Total (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)			18.1150

4.0 The GAIL (India) Ltd., has planned to establish 24" Dia natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along forest land in the Right of Way of Nagpur- Mumbai Sambruddhi Expressway and Mumbai-Manmad Pipeline of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., The laying of Natural Gas pipeline proposed by the GAIL (India) Ltd., from Mumbai to Nagpur passing through Thane, Shahapur, West, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha & Nagpur Forest Divisions. The proposed forest land has already been diverted to MSRDCCL for construction of Nagpur Mumbai Super Communication Expressway (Package-V) vide Government of India, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. FC-III/MH-35/2018-NGP/7757, dated 29/01/2021 and also to BPCL for laying underground pipeline from Mumbai to Manmad vide MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No. 8-C/15/187/93-FCW, dated 03/03/1997 and also to Dahej-Uran Pipeline (DUPL) sanctioned vide letter No. B-MHC/008/2004-BHO/589, dated 03/04/2006.

The Managing Director, MSRDCCL vide letter dated 30/12/2020 has given consent letter to allot 3 meter width on right side alignment (Nagpur to Mumbai Direction) of Samrudhhi Expressway for laying natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur to GAIL



(India) Ltd. as well as CGM pipelines (Operations and Projects), Bharat Petroleum Corporation vide letter dated 24/02/2022 has given consent letter for laying natural Gas Pipeline of GAIL (India) Ltd. in BPCL's RoW.

The Project Agency highlighted that "GAIL (India) Ltd., has planned to establish pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur crossing a total 361 number of villages. As a part of the project, clean natural gas will be made available to various domestic, commercial and industrial customers across these districts. The pipeline is planned from Mumbai to Nagpur along samruddhi Expressway, Dahej-Uran pipeline (DUPL) & Mumbai Manmad Bijwasan Pipeline (MMBPL) and will directly result in reducing pollution and improving the environment and will also greatly benefit the people of the region by being able to easily access clean and efficient fuel for their needs. The project will generate employment for people and benefit the population of the entire region"

**5.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane, Shahapur, West Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha and Nagpur have certified that:-**

- 1) The total non forest involved in project is 205.5741ha.
- 2) The cross section map is enclosed herewith on page no. 117 (Volume-I).
- 3) The copy of the Administrative Approval accorded by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board letter No. PNGRB/Auth/2-NGPL/02/2020, dated 15/05/2022
- 4) (i) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane Forest Division, Thane is enclosed on page no.51 to 53.  
(ii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur Forest Division, Shahapur is enclosed on page no.85 to 87.  
(iii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik Division is enclosed on page no. 85 to 86A.  
(iv) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ahmednagar Forest Division is enclosed on page no.54 to 55.  
(v) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Aurangabad Forest Division is enclosed on page no.72 to 73.  
(vi) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Forest Division is enclosed on page no.91 to 93.  
(vii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Washim Forest Division, Washim is enclosed on page no.35 to 37.  
(viii) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Amravati Forest Division, Amravati is enclosed on page no.49 to 51.

- (ix) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha Forest Division, Wardha is enclosed on page no.198 to 200.
- (x) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur is enclosed on page no.150 to 151.
- 5) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
- 6) (i) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I, having density is below 0.4 (Open Forest).  
(ii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I, having density is below 0.01 (Open Forest).  
(iii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I, having density is below 0.4 (Open Forest).  
(iv) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.01 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).  
(v) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.01 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).  
(vi) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.1 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).  
(vii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is 0.4 to 0.6 (Southern Dry Deciduous Forest).  
(viii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.4 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).  
(ix) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.4 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).  
(x) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is below 0.4 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).
- 7) (i) There are 77 trees of various species required to be felled for implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under:-

Tree Girth in Cm.									
Division	0-30 cm	31-45 cm	46-60 cm	61-75 cm	76-90 cm	91-120 cm	121-150 cm	Above 150 cm	Total
Thane	5	26	16	9	9	0	0	0	65
Buldhana	0	7	0	2	0	3	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>

- (ii) There is no tree felling involved in the project.
- 8) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 9) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.



10) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

- 11) (i) Proposed project is 9.980 km from the boundary of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary nearest forest at Village Ushid which is proposed for diversion. The copy of the Gazette of India vide dated 10/08/2017 is enclosed herewith. The said proposal from Mumbai to Nagpur along forest land in the Right of Way of Nagpur- Mumbai Sambruddhi Expressway (Package-V). In this proposal the some conditions laid by NBWL in its meeting held on 07/09/2018 the same mentioned Central Government of India final approval letter dated 29/01/2021 (copy enclosed).
- (ii) Proposed project is within 10 Kms. from the boundary of the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. The nearest Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 1.475 Km away (Within Deemed Eco-Sensitive zone) from project boundary.
- (iii) Proposed project is not located within 10 Km from the boundary of any National Park/ Sanctuary. The project site is 21.10 Km from Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary.
- (iv) Proposed project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of the Protected Area (Sanctuary and National Park)
- (v) Proposed project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Wildlife Corridor/Biological Reserve.
- (vi) Proposed project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of the National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Wildlife Corridor/Biological Reserved.
- (vii) Proposed project is 0.230 Km from the boundary of the protected area (Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary).
- (viii) Proposed project is beyond 10 Km from the boundary of the Melghat Tiger Reserve
- (ix) Proposed project is beyond 10 Km from the boundary of the Protected Area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.
- (x) Proposed project is beyond 10 Km from the boundary of the Protected Area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.
- 12) This is a Re-diversion proposal, so Compensatory land not required as per Government of India guidelines No.F.No.8-66/2009-FC-pt, dated 30/09/2011.
- 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.

14) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value



- 15) As the proposal is for Re-Diversion of Forest land, the Project Authority has submitted the undertaking that MSRDCL has already submitted the FRA, 2006 certificates from concerned Collectors.
- 16) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane, Shahapur, West Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha and Nagpur have recommended the proposal for diversion of **18.1150** ha. forest land.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik Division has recommended in its Site Inspection Report it is felt that some equipments like fire blowers. Fire extinguishers, fire beaters etc may be kept at ready disposal of Forest Department locally so that quick action can be taken in case of accidental leakage of gas in pipeline causing Forest Fire.


- 17) The Chief Conservator of Forest (T),/ Chief Conservator of Forests, Thane, Nashik, Amravati, Nagpur, Aurangabad and Yavatmal have recommended the proposal for diversion of **18.1150** of 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 Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the User Agency.
- 2.3 This is a Re-diversion proposal, so Compensatory land not required as per Government of India guidelines No.F.No.8-66/2009-FC-pt, dated 30/09/2011
- 2.4 **NPV:-**
  - a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 18.1150 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.
- 2.5 No trees shall be felled during implementation of the project. In case tree felling is required the 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.
- 2.6 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/>)
- 2.7 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.



- 2.8 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 2.9 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 2.10 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.
- 2.11 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.
- 2.12 No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 2.13 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
- 2.14 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 2.15 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.
- 2.16 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 Guideline F. No. 11- 42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018
- 2.17 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.
- 2.18 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**