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No. : Desk-17/Nodal/Pune /I.D-13942(NH)/1396/2022-23
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated **05/09/2022**

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

The Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Pune has submitted proposal for diversion of 16.6936 ha. Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for four lanning, shifting of existing utilities (OFC, Electrical Cable, Water Pipeline) erection of street lights from Dive Ghat Hadapsar section of Palkhi Marg having Design Chainages from Km 220.900 to Km. 234.150 (Hadpsar) of NH-965 of Pune Forest Division and Bhore Forest Division, at Village Wadki, Zendewadi, Taluka, Purandar, Haveli & Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

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3.0 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 two copy.

- 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

4.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune and Sub-Divisional Officer, Bhore Forest Division have certified that:-

- 1) Copy of Administrative and Technical approval accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (Project Zone-6) letter No. RW/NH-6/12037/91/2015-MAH(P-6), dated 29th April, 2016
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- (ii) There is no tree felling involved in the project.
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- 10) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
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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: –

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- 2.2 Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the User Agency.

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- a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 34.00 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.27,96,97,98,99 at Village Sarafwadi, Tal. Indapur, 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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- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 16.6936 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

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- 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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- 2.7 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/>)
- 2.8 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
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- 2.19 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.
- 2.20 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

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- 8.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of India may kindly be moved for approving the proposal for diversion of 16.6936 ha. Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for four lanning, shifting of existing utilities (OFC, Electrical Cable, Water Pipeline) erection of street lights from Dive Ghat Hadapsar section of Palkhi Marg having Design Chainages from Km 220.900 to Km. 234.150 (Hadpsar) of NH-965 of Pune Forest Division and Bhore Forest Division, at Village Wadki, Zendewadi, Taluka, Purandar, Haveli & Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 2 copies


(Naresh Zurmure)

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

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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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