

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Prescribed vide PCCF (HoLE) No. Desk-17-4/1445, dated 05/11/2015

Sr. No.	Items	Observations & Remarks									
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat) :	Diversion of 1.1407 ha. of Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of greenfield Railway line between Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad (Total Length of 84.439 Km) passing through Solapur and Osmanabad districts in the State of Maharashtra. Location: 1. Tuljapur Gut No-44 2. Sangvi Mardi Gut No-211 <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Range</th><th>Round</th><th>Beat</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tuljapur Hq. Osmanabad</td><td>Tuljapur</td><td>Tuljapur</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tuljapur Hq. Osmanabad</td><td>Tuljapur</td><td>Tuljapur</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Range	Round	Beat	Tuljapur Hq. Osmanabad	Tuljapur	Tuljapur	Tuljapur Hq. Osmanabad	Tuljapur	Tuljapur
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2.	Name of the User Agency :	Central Railway, Solapur									
3.	Date of site inspection :	09/ 02/ 2023									
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion :	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Reserved Forest</td><td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">-</td><td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">1.1407Ha.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td style="text-align: center;">-</td><td style="text-align: right;">1.1407 Ha.</td></tr> </table>	Reserved Forest	-	1.1407Ha.	Total	-	1.1407 Ha.			
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5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land :	As per Area Statement attached on page no.									
	b) Density and Eco-value class :	Density – <0.4 Eco-value Class – III									
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, 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.									
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof	No. But there will be laying of railway line in the proposed area.									
8.	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not :	No.									
	b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof	No rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land during site inspection.									

	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	Aerial distance from the boundary of Gangewadi Wildlife Sanctuary is 5.479 Km.
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project	:	No.
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons thereof	:	No.
9.	Details of Vegetation		
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	:	164
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm.	:	139
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.	:	25
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	Nil. As the effect of removal of trees will be compensated by the compensatory afforestation to be carried out within the same forest division.
10.	Background note on the proposal (short summary)	:	In absence of direct rail connection between Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad, at present the travel mode through railway from Solapur to Osmanabad is via Kurduwadi which is 153 km long. The newly proposed greenfield Railway alignment starts at Ch.0+000 at Solapur town, North Solapur Taluka in Solapur District to Ch. 84+439 at Shingoli village, Osmanabad Taluka in Osmanabad District of Maharashtra State of length 84.439 km. It passes through Khed, Mardi, Tamalwadi, Malumbra, Raikhed, Tuljapur, Wadgaon, Sanjha and other important towns in North Solapur, Tuljapur and Osmanabad Talukas. This Railway line would significantly reduce travel time, increase in socio-economic development, speedier transportation of agricultural produce and will also make it convenient for people from not only the region but from all over India to visit Tuljapur on pilgrimage. Project alignment requires forest area of 1.1407 Ha in Osmanabad forest division. For execution of the proposed railway line, the required forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
11.	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken	:	No

	against the concerned officials to be attached.		
12.	Whether the proposal involved rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	:	The proposal doesn't involve any rehabilitation, hence no rehabilitation plan required.
13.	Details on catchment and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	:	Not Applicable.
14.	Utility of the project	:	The project is of infrastructure development and public utility purpose. This project will provide speedy&safe transportation for commuters, industrial & agro development and improved connectivity leading to more economical benefits to the State.
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 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.	:	Enclosed on page no.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	:	The proposed project is for construction of new Railway line between Solapur to Osmanabad of 84.439 Km length passing through Solapur & Osmanabad districts. The proposed alignment is most suitable option as per Alternative alignment analysis. The demand of forest area is unavoidable and barest minimum. The project is of infrastructure development and public utility purpose. This project will provide speedy&safe transportation for commuters, industrial & agro development and improved connectivity leading to more economical benefits to the State. Hence the proposal for diversion is recommended for acceptance and necessary approval in favour of the user agency.

Date: 9/02/2023
Place: Osmanabad


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