Full title of the Project: Construction of two lane with paved shoulder SH- 54 Bhigwan-Baramati Road (Chainage Km 145+000 to Km173+166) under Maharashtra Road Improvement Programme.

File No.: FP/ MH/ROAD/144584/2021

Date of Proposal: 10/07/2021

### APPENDIX (SEE RULE 6)

# FORM -'A'

FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER EXECUTIVE 2 (ii) OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980

THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

# **PART-II**

(TO BE FILLED BY THE CONCERNED DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS)

State Serial No. of the Proposal:

Location of the Project/ Scheme:

(i) State/ Union Territory:

Maharashtra

(ii) District:

Pune

(iii) Forest Division:

Pune

(iv) Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion (In Ha.):

0.94 Ha.

(v) Legal status of Forest:

**Reserved Forest** 

(vi) Density of vegetation:

0.1

(vii) Species- wise (Scientific Names) and diameter class- wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL. FRL-2 m and FRL-4 m also to be enclosed):

List annexed hereto with the proposal.

(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the Forest area to erosion:

The Forest Land proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to erosion on account of its location, topographical & geo-morphological features and other climatic factors.

- (ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest:

  The proposal involves widening and strengthening of existing road, which traverse through certain patches of Reserved Forest Land as provided in the Area Statement annexed hereto with the proposal.
- (x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.? (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed):

No.

(xi) Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? (If so, the details thereof):

No any conspicuous flora and fauna observed or reported so far.

(xii) Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? (If so, details thereof with NOC from the Competent Authority, if required):

No any protected archaeological/heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area proposed for diversion.

8. Whether the requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col.
No. 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. No. 2 of Part I of Form A, is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out? (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work done in violation is still in progress?:

No. Work has not been carried out by the Project Proponent in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

#### 10. Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:

- (i) Details of non- forest area/ degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch is annexed hereto with this Part II of the proposal.
- (ii) Map showing area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries is annexed hereto with this Part II of the proposal.
- (iii) Detailed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme including species to be planted, Implementing Agency, Time Schedule, Cost Structure, etc. is annexed hereto with this Part-II of the proposal.
- (iv) Total Financial Outlay for Compensatory Afforestation Scheme is worked out on the basis of Model Rate Structure prescribed under norms of CAMPA and a copy of which is annexed hereto with the Scheme for CA.
- (v) Certificate from Competent Authority regarding suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view is annexed hereto with this Part- II of the proposal.
- 11. <u>Site Inspection Report of the Dy. CF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col. No. 7 (xi & xii), 8 & 9 above:</u>

The Site Inspection Report is annexed hereto as Annexure.

#### 12. <u>Division Profile:</u>

(i)	Geographical area of the district:	15,616 Sq. m.
(ii)	Forest Area of the District:	84878 Ha.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with no. of cases:	664.08 Ha. / 72
(iv)	Total compensatory afforestation as on the date:	481.16 Ha.
	(a) Forest Land, including Penal CA:	76.29 Ha.
Samuel All	(b) Non- forest land:	404 87 Ha

(v) Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on the date:

481.16 Ha.

(a) Forest Land:

76.29 Ha.

(b) Non-forest land:

404.87 Ha.

13. Specific recommendations of the Dy.CF. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons:

The road proposed for widening is an important link in the existing road network, linked to rural economy of the state of Maharashtra. The road also connects important places of pilgrimages.

With increased need for accommodating ever increasing volume of traffic and to ensure safety of human life & property, there is an acute need for widening of existing width by alteration and addition to existing lanes.

Since, the proposal is for widening of existing road, the project is site specific. The Forest Land proposed for the project is unavoidable and barest minimum. Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance.

Date: 23/6/2022

Place: pure

Office Seal:

Rahul Patil, IFS Dy. Conservator of Forests Pune Forest Division