

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

1	Location of the project/scheme	Greenfield Airport Chandrapur at Village Vihirgaon & Murti Range- Rajura, Round- Vihirgaon, Beat- Vihirgaon & Murti
i.	State/Union Territory	Maharashtra
ii.	District	Chandrapur
iii.	Forest Division/circle	Central Chanda Forest division, Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur
iv.	Area of forest land proposed for diversion	Total Area 63.54 Ha. Forest land required for the proposed project. Detail statement of Village wise, Survey number wise, Area wise forest land has been attached with the proposal.
v.	Legal Status of forest	Reserve Forest C. No. 173 & 200, Protected Forest C. No. 593
vi.	Density of vegetation	Density 0.5 Eco-value Class - III
vii.	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class wise enumeration of trees to be enclosed. In case of Irrigation/Hydel projects enumeration at FRI, FRL-2 & FRL-4 also to be enclosed.	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class wise enumeration of trees to be enclosed.
viii.	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	Does not form part of any seriously Eroded area. Gentle slopes of Wardha river basin. Moderately eroded.
ix.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	The proposed site for forest diversion is within Reserve & Protected forest.
x.	Whether forms part of National Park, Wild life 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)	The proposed forest area is not part of any National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. But the project area falls within grid No. 248 of (C. No. 173, 200 & 593) as per WII report on Tiger Corridors of Eastern Vidharbha Landscape. (Tiger Corridor in Chandrapur District)
xi.	Whether any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna in the area. If so, details thereof	Yes. Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear are found in the area.
xii.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment of any other important monument located in the area. If so, the details thereof.	There is no any protected/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area.
2.	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 alternatives	Requirement of forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. Certificate of User Agency attached herewith.

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3.	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 official. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	No. As the work has not yet started, there is no violation of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.																																								
4.	Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:	Attached herewith <ul style="list-style-type: none">CA land in Ratnagiri (Chiplun) District of Maharashtra.CA plantation in Central Chanda Forest Division, Chandrapur as per guidelines of 27/08/2014 issued by MoEF.																																								
i.	Details of non-forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation, it's distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Ratnagiri (Chiplun) letter dated 04/01/2020 according to this, the forest land that was set aside for compensatory afforestation at village Panchmbe is not suitable for plantation, but since the area is closed to the Sahiyadri Sanctuary, the Government letter dated 27/08/2014 certificate is given that it is permissible to take possession as per the suggestion. As per the guidelines above letter, compensatory afforestation of this project is proposed in the following degraded forest areas in this division.</p> <table><tr><th>Range</th><th>Round</th><th>Beat</th><th>C. No.</th><th>Proposed CA Area in ha.</th></tr><tr><td>Wirur</td><td>Dewada</td><td>Kawadgondi</td><td>313</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Wirur</td><td>Dewada</td><td>Dewada</td><td>301</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rajura</td><td>Tembhurwahi</td><td>Tulana</td><td>170</td><td>15.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rajura</td><td>Rajura</td><td>Sumthana</td><td>154</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rajura</td><td>Vihirgaon</td><td>Murti</td><td>200</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rajura</td><td>Rajura</td><td>Chunala</td><td>158</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Total</td><td></td><td>65.00</td></tr></table>	Range	Round	Beat	C. No.	Proposed CA Area in ha.	Wirur	Dewada	Kawadgondi	313	10.00	Wirur	Dewada	Dewada	301	10.00	Rajura	Tembhurwahi	Tulana	170	15.00	Rajura	Rajura	Sumthana	154	10.00	Rajura	Vihirgaon	Murti	200	10.00	Rajura	Rajura	Chunala	158	10.00			Total		65.00
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ii.	Map showing non-forest/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundary.	Map enclosed with the proposal.																																								
iii.	Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be planted, by the implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme attached.																																								
iv.	Total financial outlay for compensatory Afforestation scheme.	Rs. 5,60,15,765.- As per estimate.																																								
v.	Certificates from the competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view (to be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	Suitability Certificate attached.																																								
5.	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in column 7 & 8 & 9 above.	Site Inspection report attached.																																								

6.	Division/ District:	Central Chanda Forest Division, Chandrapur District – Chandrapur.
i.	Geological area of the division	3504.219 Sq. Km.
ii.	Forest area of the division	1143.111 Sq. Km.
iii.	Total forest area diverted since 1980	954.981 ha.
iv.	Total compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the Division since 1980 on.	1629.664 ha.
a.	Forest land including penal compensatory Afforestation	1105.580 ha.
b.	Non—forest land	524.084 ha.
v	Progress of compensatory Afforestation as on	1629.664 ha.
7.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or other wise of the proposal with reasons.	<p>WII report recommends the following two options with respect to diversion of forest area for construction of Airport in Murti & Vihirgaon village, ta. Rajura -</p> <p>1) Forest Land should not be diverted for construction of airport.</p> <p>2) If diversion is unavoidable, it has to be done after compliance of wildlife mitigation measures given in the report. (Due to the presence of Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape)</p> <p>As per MADDC, joint inspections were conducted in multiple sites for technical viability for airport construction, and Murti site was considered to involve the least diversion of forest land while also being at least 190 km away from next domestic airport – Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Airport in Nagpur. It is also centrally located with respect to industrial areas of Bellampally, Sirpur Khagajnagar (Telangana), Gadchandur, Gondpimpri, Naranda, Awadpur etc that fall within 50 km radius of the proposed site.</p> <p>However, the area falls in the Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape (grid number 248); and as per notification of Kanhargaon Wildlife Sanctuary, dated 15th March of 2021, the proposed site now falls in the de-facto upto-10km radius Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the Protected Area as stipulated in Wildlife Conservation Strategy 2002. Nevertheless, as per the ruling of Hon. Supreme Court dated 3rd June, 2022, Kanhargaon Wildlife Sanctuary falls in category B according to the second report of CEC dated 20th Sep, 2012, making a 1 km wide ESZ from the boundary of the protected area mandatory. Accordingly, a proposal for final notification of ESZ for Kanhargaon Wildlife Sanctuary is</p>

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	<p>Proposed. The considered site for airport is not in the proposed ESZ of Kanhargaon Wildlife Sanctuary (Site is 8.242 km from the boundary of the PA).</p> <p>In consideration of the above points and upon receiving compliance report of wildlife mitigation measures from the user agency, the proposal is recommended for approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 conditional upon the approval of central govt. regarding the final notification of ESZ for Kanhargaon Wildlife Sanctuary.</p>
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Place :-Chandrapur

Date :- 03/10/2022



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