

Project Note

Full Title of the Project: Diversion of 0.6732 Ha forest (Mangroves) for establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and construction of ROB on Diva —Panvel Railway line.

With a view to decongest the Greater Mumbai and to provide better amenities, the Government of Maharashtra has decided to develop a new town Navi Mumbai, across the harbour. Accordingly, the State government notified the area of Navi Mumbai and appointed the City & Industrial development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (CIDCO) as the New Town Development Authority for the new city of Navi Mumbai. The State Government further acquired all privately held lands and vested it to CIDCO along with the government lands for orderly development and disposal. The development of new town Navi Mumbai would consist of development of 2 different nodes spread over an area of about 344 Sq. km connected by a strong transportation network. CIDCO has already developed nodes such as Airoli, Ghansoli, Vashi, Sanpada, Nerul, CBD-Belapur, Kalamboli, New Panvel and Dronagiri. The development nodes such as Koparkhiarane, Kharghar, Kamothe, Ulve, etc. are also in the advanced stage.

The State Government has taken a policy decision to allot certain percentage of developed land to the original land owners from whom the land has been acquired by Government for the Navi Mumbai project. This scheme is popularly known as 12.5% scheme. CIDCO is thus allotting land under this scheme to the original land owners from various nodes. CIDCO has also earmarked large chunks of land in Panchanand, Pendhar at Taloja for allotment under 12.5% scheme as a part of development of Navi Mumbai, Kharghar node is developed, which is to be left when one proceeds from CBD-Belapur to the hinterland of Pune, Nagar and Konkan Region. The nodes such as Kalamboli, Kamothe and New Panvel are also located on the Sion-Panvel Expressway. The Panchanand,

Pendhar, is located at Taloja, on the east Side of old Mumbai Pune Road and to the east of Diva-Panvel line of Konkan Railway.

The Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) has developed an area by way of Taloja Industrial Estate, which is located to the east of old Mumbai-Pune Road. This Industrial area is operative and there are number of job opportunities available in the Industries developed at Taloja Industrial Estate. With the development of nodes In and around Sion-Panvel Expressway on one side and old Mumbai - Pune Road on the other side, there is humming activities as far as transportation needs are concerned. With development of residential area, numbers of commuters are required to travel to and from their residents to Job centres.

The Idea of this connectivity is to give boost to technocrats to develop the industrial belt, Diva -Panvel developing area and approach 10 land allotted under 12.5% scheme to project affected villages of Navi Mumbai with all infrastructure facilities keeping in mind the environment, Sustainable development and the greenery The main objectives set forth are as follows.

- The proposed connectivity will be between Sion -Panvel Express way through the Kharghar node and to Panchanand Pendhar area leading to Taloja Industrial Belt Dombivali, Ambenath, and Badlapur areas.
- This connectivity will be more beneficial to 12.5 % Scheme of Panchanand Pendhar which is for settlement of Project affected people as per the Govt. policy
- This will be the basic infrastructure for the residents of local area and for shifting of people who otherwise come from distance places.
- This will support the nearby industrial belt with manpower and it's connectivity for development.
- In and around this connectivity, modem physical, social, and commercial services will be developed which will raise the living standard to urban level and help to reduce the disparities.
- This will create environment to live fuller and richer life

- The connectivity will save time, energy and money for the people to reach destination on developing area of Diva - Panvel and Taloja Industrial area by shortest distance from and through Kharghar node
- This connectivity will help to reduce the congestion of traffic at Kalamboli junction and Shilphata road leading to Dombivali & Kalyan Industrial & Housing area.

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