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Sr. No.	Items		Observations & Remark	
1	Name of the Project & location (Range, Round, Beat)	:	Diversion of 0.7112 Ha. Forest (Mangroves) land for proposed construction of Bridge over Ramchandra Nalla near Evershine Nagar to Marve road in P/N ward by Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai.	
			Range	Round
			Western Mumbai	Andheri
			Beat	Village
			Malvani	Valnai
2	Name of the User Agency	:	Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai	
3	Date of site inspection	:	10-02-2022	
4	Extent (ha) & legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	:	Identified Private Forest: 0.7112 Ha Total area: 0.7112 Ha	
5	a) Detailed of forest land proposed for diversion & activity-wise break-up of forest land	:	As per Area Statement attached on page no. 60	
	b) Density & Eco-value class	:	Density- Below 0.1 Eco-value Class II	
6	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 part-1 is unavoidable & barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item wise with details of alternative examined.	:	Yes	
7	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof	:	No	
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 & fauna found in proposed forest land. IF so, the details thereof	:	No rare or endangered or unique species of flora & fauna found in proposed Mangroves forest land.	

	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	Distance From Sanjay Gandhi National Park- 3.7 Km and Distance From Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary- 14.4 Km
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project	:	NA
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons thereof	:	No
9.	Derails of Vegetation		
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	:	NA
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm.	:	NA
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.	:	0
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	NA
10	Background note on the proposal (Short summary)	:	MCGM has proposed construction of 6 bridges in western suburbs of Mumbai which are the missing links and are recommended by the report of Joint Technical Committee which has been submitted to The Secretary, Environment Department, GoM. The Joint Technical Committee was constituted by Government of Maharashtra, under its Resolution No. ENV-2011/CR-55/TC3 dated 30th June 2011. Bridge over Ramchandra Nalla connects Mindspace area which is an industrial hub of western Mumbai to Malad Marve road which is also connected to the link road. Malad-Marve road then connects the second missing link which is Marve-Manori Bridge. Currently both the places are at the distance of 4 km which takes about 20 Min minimum. Proposed connectivity will cut down this distance to 0.8 km and also will be useful to reduce traffic jam on link road.
11.	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a details report on violation including action	:	No

	taken 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	Derailed on catchment & culturable common area under the project (if applicable)	:	NA
14	Utility of the project	:	Bridge over Ramchandra Nalla connects Mindspace area which is an industrial hub of western Mumbai to Malad Marve road which is also connected to the link road. Malad-Marve road then connects the second missing link which is Marve-Manori Bridge. Currently both the places are at the distance of 4 km which takes about 20 Min minimum. Proposed connectivity will cut down this distance to 0.8 km. and also will be useful to reduce traffic jam on link road.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forest exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	:	No No
16	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if req.)	:	No
17	Details of documents & photographs enclosed.		Documents enclosed on page no. 108 113.
18	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/DCF/CF)		The project will connect Mindspace area of Malad to Marve Road in Western Mumbai and reduce the travel distance considerably, thus reducing travel time, and pollution . Hence the proposal is recommended as it is beneficial for the public.

Date: 22/04/2023

Place: Mumbai



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