

Central Railway



Office of the
Dy. Chief Engineer (Const.)
Solapur
Mail id: dycecsur@gmail.com

No. SUR/C/SUR-UMD New Line/Forest/1

Date:22/11/2022

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Central Administrative Building,
Block No.39, Osmanabad-413501
Maharashtra

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 5.8535 Ha Forest area (2.9592 Ha in Solapur Forest Division and 2.8943 Ha in Osmanabad Forest Division) for proposed Greenfield Railway line between Solapur -Tuljapur-Osmanabad (Total Length of 84.439 Km) passing through Solapur and Osmanabad districts in the State of Maharashtra.

- **Reg:** Submission of Compliances

Ref: 1) Your Ofc Ltr. No. A/FCA/2548/2022-23 dtd. 11.10.2022
2) Dy.CE/(C) BSL-II/DO/SUR-UMD/LA dtd. 21.07.2022
3) Dy.CE (C) Solapur Ltr No. Comp/1 dtd. 25.09.2022

Respected Madam,

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. Accordingly, a new broad-gauge railway line proposed from Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad will shorten this distance by 69 km. This new proposed line would be passing through the district of Solapur & Osmanabad, administrative districts in the Marathwada region of the State of Maharashtra in India. Central Railway (CR), Solapur Division (Construction) is the implementing agency for this project.

The newly proposed greenfield Railway alignment starting at Solapur town, North Solapur Taluka in Solapur District to Shingoli village, Osmanabad Taluka in Osmanabad District of Maharashtra State of length 84.439 km passes through Khed, Mardi, Tamalwadi, Malumbra,

Raikhed, Tuljapur, Wadgaon, Sanjha and other important towns in North Solapur, Tuljapur and Osmanabad Talukas.

A portion of the proposed alignment passes through total **5.8535 Ha** Forest area having 2.9592 Ha in Solapur Forest Division and 2.8943 Ha in Osmanabad Forest Division for which application under Forest Conservation Act, 1980, bearing Proposal No. FP/MH/RAIL/155198/2022 was uploaded on Parivesh Portal followed with submission of Hard copy proposal to your division vide our Letter under Reference-2.

In continuation to the same and subsequent to the compliances sought vide your Office Letter under Reference-1, please find point-wise reply as under:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliances Comments of User Agency
1	To attach Map of Alternative Alignments or its KML.	Alternative alignment studies, its related Maps, Matrix Analysis and KML files are already submitted vide our Office Ltr under Reference-3 above.
2	List of Identified Forest in Osmanabad division in English.	Translated copy in English of 'List of Identified Forest' falling in Osmanabad Forest Division is attached as Annexure-1.
3	Discrepancy in proposed forest area under diversion both in Online Parivesh Portal (2.73 Ha) and in Hard Copy Proposal (2.8943 Ha).	Online update of forest area to 2.8943 Ha is executed on Parivesh Portal. Refer copy of modified Form-A Part-1 attached as Annexure-2. We would further like to emphasize that the Joint Measurement Survey (JMS) for the project is under progress on completion of which final forest area required for diversion can be arrived at. On assessment of the deviation, if any from present forest area, we shall undertake necessary final modifications both in Online and Hard copy versions.
4	To upload KML file of Sangvi Mardi village on Parivesh Portal.	The required KML file containing Sangvi Mardi village is uploaded online as instructed.
5	Distance Map (Toposheet, Village Map, Satellite Imagery Map) from nearest Wildlife Sanctuary/ Protected Area to be attached.	The Distance Map from nearest Wildlife Sanctuary from Yedshi Ramling Ghat Sanctuary was submitted to your office vide our letter under Reference-3.
6	Proposal related all Certificates, Maps, Toposheets, KML to be submitted in soft copy in CD.	CD containing all the details pertaining to the proposal viz. Certificates, Maps, Toposheets, KML, etc. has already been submitted vide our Office Ltr under Reference-3 above.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliances Comments of User Agency
7.	To provide double degraded forest land as Compensatory Afforestation land against the forest area to be diverted.	Railways are included in The Constitution of India, Seventh Schedule (Article 246) under Central List No.22. The Project has been granted "In-Principle" approval by GoI, Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) letter No.2018/W-I/CR/NL/Solapur-Osmanabad dtd. 08.01.2019. The proposed Railway Project falls under Central Sector Project duly owed, developed, maintained and executed by Central Railway as a Central Government Agency. Accordingly, Forest Department is required to allocate Compensatory Afforestation Land over double the degraded forest land for the forest area to be diverted for the project along with finalization of related Village Maps, Toposheet, Geo-referenced Map, KML files, etc.
8.	Compensatory Afforestation documents viz. Village Maps, Toposheet, Georeferenced Maps, KML to be submitted in soft and hard copies.	
9.	Submission of Proposal in 07 sets in both Soft & Hard copies.	Once after confirmation regarding submitted hard copy of proposal from forest department, seven sets in hard copies and soft copies will be submitted

Thanking You,

Place: Solapur

Date: 21.11.2022

Pradeep Bansode

Deputy Chief Engineer (C)

Central Railway, Solapur

Encl: As above (Annexures 1 to 3)