

PART -IV**Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)**

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

Sub.:- Executive Director (Planning), Mumbai Metro Railway Corporation, Bandra (East).  
Mumbai has submitted a proposal of 0.34 ha of forest land for construction of Dharavi Railway Station for Metro Rail Project-III in Mumbai City district. The details of land proposed for diversion is as under-

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*Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) MS Nagpur is attached on page no. 19A*

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*9/8/16*

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.**

Date:

Place: Nagpur

**Construction of Dharavi Railway Station for Metro Rail Project-III in Mumbai City district**  
**Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State (Head of Forest Force) with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.**

- 1) The proposal is for diversion of 0.34 ha of forest land for construction of Dharavi Railway Station for Metro Rail Project-III in Mumbai City district. The details of land proposed for diversion is as under.

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The project has been initiated by Executive Director (Planning), Mumbai Metro Railway Corporation, Bandra (East), Mumbai for construction of Dharavi Railway Station for Metro Rail Project-III. Total non-forest area involved in this project is 0.37 ha. Mumbai Metro Line -III projects approved by Government of Maharashtra, Urban Development Department vide Resolution No. MRD-3311/CR 149/Navi-7 dated 03/03/2014 for implementation of the Metro Railway Project Protect on Colaba-Bandra-Seepz corridor. Government of India, MoEF & CC (IA, III Division), New Delhi letter dated 20/11/2015 has stated that the Metro Rail projects are not covered under the EIA, Notification, 2006. If any construction proposed within CRZ area, clearance shall be obtained under the Notification, 2011. Any construction within CRZ-I shall be on stilts. Maintenance and repair activities (industrial activities) are not permissible within CRZ.

- 2) The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai has stated that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.
- 3) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as certified by the Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai.
- 4) The area involved does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Nature Reserve etc. as certified by the Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai.
- 5) The proposed area belongs to Eco-value class-I and open forest.
- 6) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.
- 7) The Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali has certified that the proposed project is within 10 km (9.00 Km) of the boundaries of the Protected Area (SGNP) and within eco-sensitive zone of SGNP. The project will not have adverse effect on the SGNP, if due precautions are taken as suggested by the environmental.
- 8) The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai has certified that the proposed area is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 9) No cutting and felling of trees is involved in implementation of the project as certified by Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai. He has further stated that if any tree cutting <sup>is required in</sup> future in mangrove area in Dharavi Station, the cost will be born by Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
- 10) The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai has proposed 1.7 ha degraded forest area from forest Survey No. 313 of village Sarsole, Tal. Thane, Dist. Thane.

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Sub.:- Diversion of 0.34 ha of forest land for  
 construction of Dharavi Railway Station for  
 Metro Rail Project-III in Mumbai City district of  
 Maharashtra.

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 Nagpur - 440 001, Dated: 9/8/16

To  
 Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
 Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
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Sir,

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2) Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 as well as per Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in Two copies.

1. Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai has stated that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.

3. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as certified by the Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai.
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8. The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai has certified that the proposed area is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
9. No cutting and felling of trees is involved in implementation of the project as certified by Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai. He has further stated that in the case of any tree cutting in future in mangrove area in Dharavi Station the cost will be born by Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
10. The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai has proposed 1.7 ha degraded forest area from forest Survey No. 313 of village Sarsole, Tal. Thane, Dist. Thane.
11. Site Inspection Report of Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai is enclosed in the proposal on page no. 24.
12. The User Agency has submitted the undertaking and stated that the FRA-2006 application submitted to Mumbai City Collector. A copy of the same is enclosed in the proposal on page no. 65.
13. The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai has certified that the private area / non forest area which is to be acquired for the project is neither deemed Reserve Forest under the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 nor it has been identified as "Forests" as envisaged in the interim order given by the Honorable Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.
14. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai and Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai have recommended the proposal for approval.
15. The User Agency has not submitted the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act 2006 as prescribed by Government of India letter Dt. 05/07/2013. However, they have submitted an undertaking.

In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions-

- i. The legal status of the land required will remain unchanged.
- ii. Compensatory afforestation will be raised at the cost of the User Agency on double degraded forest land made available by the Forest Department.

