

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items		Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat) :		Diversion of 8.2222 ha. Forest land for construction of Coastal Road from Jalmarg Sector-16 Kharghar to Sector 11 in CBD Belapur and balance link transport terminal in Nerul Mumbai in Thane and Raigad District.
	Location i)	Division	: Alibag Forest Division.
	ii)	Range	: Panvel
	iii)	Round	Panvel
	iv)	S.No.	: As per area statement attached on Page No.
2.	Name of the User Agency :		General Manager (Environmental & Forest), CIDCO Ltd. CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai
3.	Date of site inspection :		04/08/2022.
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion :		6.4171 Ha. Mangrove Forest in Alibag Forest Division.
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land :		Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No.
	b) Density of the forest :		The density is 0.3
6.	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 alternative examined :		Yes. Required forest land is barest minimum and unavoidable.
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 and fauna found in	: Nil.

		proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	
	c.	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	: The Project area is about 13.50 km. from Karnala Bird Sanctuary and 6.200 km. from the boundary of the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary.
	d.	Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	: There is no adverse effect on the wildlife and birds in the sanctuary or Eco-Sensitive Zone.
	e.	Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If, yes, reason therefore	: No.
9.		Details of vegetation	
	a.	Total number of trees to be felled:	: 837
	b.	Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	: 770
	c.	Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	: 67
	d.	Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	: Nil.
10.		Background note on the proposal (short summary)	: Project summary attached on Page No.
11.		Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached	: No violation notice.
12.		Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	: No.
13.		Details on catchments and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	: Nil
		Status of catchments area treatment	: Nil

	plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	
14.	Utility of the Project	: Diversion of 8.2222 ha. mangrove forest land for construction of Costal Road form Jalmarg Sector-16 Kharghar to Sector 11 in CBD Belapur to water transport terminal in Nerul at Navi Mumbai. This is road for used for connecting various places of Kharghar, Belapur, Nerul Navi Mumbai area.
15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion	: No.
16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	: No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	: Photographs enclosed on Page No.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	: The Project for construction for Costal Road form Jalmarg Sector-16 Kharghar to Sector 11 in CBD Belapur to water transport terminal in Nerul at Navi Mumbai. This road is used for connecting various places of Navi Mumbai area like Kharghar, Belapur, Nerul. This project is submitted as this is an infrastructure development and public utility project. Project proponent is ready to bear all the Government levies hence the proposal is being recommended for approval for diverting the required forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Date 30/04/2023.

Place : Alibag


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Site Inspection Note

The under signed has inspected the proposed site on dated 04/08/2022. The area is proposed for the diversion of 6.4171 ha. Mangrove forest land for construction for Costal Road form Jalmarg Sector-16 Kharghar to Sector 11 in CBD Belapur to water transport terminal, Nerul (Navi Mumbai) in taluka Panvel in Raigad district.

The total forest area is required for this project is 8.2222 Ha. Out of this 6.4171 Ha. Mangrove forest land is of Alibag Forest division and remaining area of 1.8051 ha. is of Mumbai Mangrove Cell Unit.

No work has been started, hence violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under it is not noticed. The forest area proposed for this project is unavoidable. The 837 of mangrove trees are to be required to be felled in this proposal.

Date : 04/04/2023.

Place : Alibag


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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Alibag

PROJECT NOTE

General Manager (Environmental & Forest), CIDCO ltd. CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai has submitted a proposal for diversion of 6.4171 Ha. and Mangrove forest land for construction of Coastal Road from Jalmarg Sector-16 Kharghar to Sector 11 in CBD Belapur to water transport terminal in Nerul at Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra State. Out of total forest land 8.2222 ha. the area of 6.4171 ha. is of Alibag Forest division and remaining area of 1.8051 Ha. is of Mumbai Mangrove Cell Unit.

In this project the private area and the mangrove forest area is involved. In view of this, necessary permission is required for diversion of not notified mangrove forest, it should be taken by Project Authority.

Project authority has given certificate to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation. Project Authority is proposed 8.31 Ha. compensatory land for Compensatory Afforestation at S. No. 3/A/166 and 22 others of Village Nhave, Tal. Panvel, District Raigad, which was already handed over to the forest department on 05/05/1997 and mutated in the name of Forest Department in lieu of CIDCO project Rajivali-Sativali Vasai Virar Water supply scheme.

As per records available with this division above proposal (i.e. Rajivali-Sativali Vasai Virar Water supply scheme) is not sanctioned; therefore notification under sec-4 of Indian Forest Act, 1927 is not yet done.

It is submitted that, as on today area (i.e. Village Nhave, Tal. Uran, bearing 3/A/166 and 22 others) is having naturally grown mangrove vegetation. So, this land is not suitable for raising Compensatory Afforestation scheme as per guidelines. Therefore compensatory afforestation scheme is proposed in degraded reserved forest at comp. No. 216, village Goyandawadi (Vani), Tal. Roha, Round Kadsure, Beat Pigonda, Range Nagothane in Alibag Forest Division. The details of degraded forest land are submitted with this proposal.

In this project no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and its guidelines are notice.

The 837 mangrove trees to be felled in this project of Alibag Forest Division.

This project is of infrastructure development and it is essential for developing transportation facility. Hence the proposal is being recommended as it is beneficial to the society.

Date : 20/04/2023.

Place : Alibag


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