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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forest)

Revenue and Forest Department

Mantralaya Mumbai-32

Subject:- Proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in 22.00 meter ROW for Up- gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli- Sironcha of NH-353 C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway. (FP/MH/ROAD/118805/2021)

The Conservator of Forests (T.), Gadchiroli on dated 18/04/2022 and 06/05/2022, has submitted proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in 22.00 meter ROW for Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353 C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway. (FP/MH/ROAD/1188005/2021)

2.0 The detailed area statement of forest land is shown as under:- (**Proposal Page No. 355 to 357**)

Itemwise forest land Area Statement

NH-353C ASHTI TO SIRONCHA COMPARTMENT WISE AREA STATEMENT (DIVISION-SIRONCHA (T.))

Sr. no	Taluka	Village Name	Range	Comp.No.	Survey No. / Gut No.	Forest Area				Legal status
						Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr	Area in Sqmt.	Area in Ha	
1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Aheri	Nandigaon	Kamalapur	KP179, PP206, PP205,	87, 102, 101, 85, 16, 71, 14	3128.51	22.00	68827.277	6.883	RF
2	Aheri	Guddigudam	Pranhita	PP180	13, 12,55, 57, 15, 20, 10, 14,	1006.080	22.00	22133.760	2.213	PF
3	Aheri	Timaram S	Kamalapur	KP178	142, 185	144.161	22.00	3171.534	0.317	PF
4	Aheri	Forest	Pranhita	PP181,PP182	Forest	1422.246	22.00	31289.408	3.129	RF
	Aheri	Forest	Kamalapur	KP178, KP175	Forest	1422.246	22.00	31289.408	3.129	RF

5	Aheri	Golakarji	Pranhita	PP183, PP186	4, 3, 51	2503.063	22.00	55067.387	5.507	PF
6	Aheri	Chalewada	Pranhita	PP 186, PP187, PP188, PP189, PP190, PP191, PP192	Forest	6275.345	22.00	138057.581	13.806	RF
7	Aheri	Tatigudam	Kamalapur	KP146, KP145	89	786.103	22.00	17294.266	1.729	PF
8	Aheri	Repanpalli	Kamalapur	KP 145	106, 107, 108, 109	999.751	22.00	21994.532	2.199	PF
	Aheri	Repanpalli	Pranhita	PP191, PP192	81, 114, 113, 112, 118, 120/1	1002.205	22.00	22048.510	2.205	PF
9	Aheri	Gundera	Jimalgatta	JP261	8, Road, 59, Nalla, 54, 4, 56	1103.589	22.00	24278.961	2.428	PF
10	Aheri	Govindgaon	Jimalgatta	JP259, JP258, JP257	171, 29, Road	3032.571	22.00	66716.554	6.672	PF
11		Forest	Jimalgatta	JA088,	Forest	1501.885	22.00	33041.470	3.304	RF
	Aheri	FDCM	Jimalgatta	JA058		1100.896	22.00	24219.705	2.422	RF
12	Aheri	Damaram Rith & FDCM	Jimalgatta	JA057	3	429.790	22.00	9455.388	0.946	RF
13	Aheri	Umanur S, FD & FDCM	Jimalgatta	JP331, JP332	48, 50	1170.223	22.00	25744.901	2.574	PF
14	Aheri	Suddagudam	Jimalgatta	JP 253	103	399.151	22.00	8781.330	0.878	PF
15	Aheri	FDCM	Jimalgatta	JP330	Forest	1391.607	22.00	30615.354	3.062	PF
16	Sironcha	Forest	Bamni	SA044, SA045 SA046, SA047, SA052	Forest	5193.374	22.00	114254.228	11.425	RF
17	Sironcha	Forest	Bamni	SA048	Forest	600.000	22.00	13200.000	1.320	RF
18	Sironcha	Rompalli	Bamni	SA051	164, 165, 165, 68, Road, 35, 154, Nalla	2274.351	22.00	50035.721	5.004	RF
19	Sironcha	Kamalpetha Raytwari	Bamni	SA049, SA050 SP006, SB003 SB004	Forest	4400.560	22.00	96812.320	9.681	RF
20	Sironcha	Kamalpetha Raytwari	Bamni		Forest	600.000	22.00	13200.000	1.320	RF

21	Sironcha	Bamni	Bamni	SP009	Forest	2559.774	22.00	56315.028	5.632	PF
22	Sironcha	Venkatapur	Bamni	SB005	Forest	2131.964	22.00	46903.216	4.690	RF
23	Sironcha	Garkapeth	Bamni	SP013	Forest	548.087	22.00	12057.914	1.206	PF
24	Sironcha	Raipetha urph Pochampalli	Bamni	SB014	49	23.934	22.00	526.555	0.053	RF
25	Sironcha	Forest	Bamni	SB005, SB006, SB008, SB009	Forest	6341.245	22.00	139507.390	13.951	RF
26	Sironcha	Viyamapalli	Sironcha		65, 66, 64	232.022	22.00	5104.490	0.510	PF
27	Sironcha	Rangayapalli V.L.	Sironcha		214, 213, 312, 217	249.284	22.00	5484.257	0.548	PF
28	Sironcha	Amravati V.L.	Sironcha	SP021	16, 48, 15, 13, 237, 238, 1, 45, 50, 51, Road, 52, 65, 68, 69, 70, 86, 87, 91, 230, 233, 177, 176, 175, 174, 169, 168, 242, 111, 98,	1110.420	22.00	24429.249	2.443	PF
29	Sironcha	Karaspalli V.L.	Sironcha		225, 199, 226, 202, 205, 202, 195, Road, 197, 196	1008.000	22.00	22175.993	2.218	PF
30	Sironcha	Bhogapur V.L.	Sironcha		57	257.239	22.00	5659.256	0.566	PF
31	Sironcha	Narayanpur	Sironcha	SB011	202	59.828	22.00	1316.212	0.132	RF
	Sironcha	Narayanpur	Sironcha	SB012	114	1013.024	22.00	22286.534	2.229	RF
32	Sironcha	Mendaram Rai.Chak	Sironcha		87, 80	95.955	22.00	2111.016	0.211	PF
33		Forest	Sironcha	SB012, SB013	Forest	1781.917	22.00	39202.181	3.920	RF

34	Sironcha	Brahmanpalli Rai.	Sironcha		48, 49, 50	127.400	22.00	2802.800	0.280	PF
35	Sironcha	Yeracheru	Sironcha	SP023	58	153.813	22.00	3383.892	0.338	PF
36	Sironcha	Aadimuttapur	Sironcha					0.000	0.000	
37	Sironcha	Sironcha Mal	Sironcha		71, 49, 328, 367, 10, 2, 329	464.966	22.00	10229.253	1.023	Pf
38	Sironcha	Sironcha Rai.	Sironcha		Gaothan			0.000	0.000	Gaothan
	Total of Sironcha Rai. Village				Total	60046.583	880.000	1321024.828	132.102	0.000

The total non-forest area involved in the project is 18.193 ha. The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha is enclosed in the proposal file on page no.286 to 290. Project Note submitted by the Project Authority is enclosed in the file on **P.P.No.275 to 279.**

3.0 The project alignment commences from Gadchiroli and terminates at Sironcha over a length of 204.5 km. Presently, State Highway Kilometer markings are at the site and the project corridor appears to start at km 172+650 as per kilometer markings (MSH 11) MSH 11 chainage has been compared with the NH-353 C Chainage and the Up- gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (F.No.10-22/2015-IA-III) starting point, i.e., proposed Chingae of NH-353 C for the present project is km 113+650 at Indira Square Junction in Gadchiroli. The road traverses through Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra via Gadchiroli, Chamorshi, Ashti and Allapalli and reaches end point at Sironcha at Chainage km 318+200. Existing ROW of the Project Road varies from 16.00 m to 22.00 m (in urban area) and in other area it varies from 30 to 60 mtr. on an average. Improved road connectivity is vital for economic growth of a region in particular and Nation in general. They help in transporting men and material effectively to the destination in time. Thus it provides larger market for the product and produce giving remunerative returns to the producers.

Proposed Improvements the existing project highway is presently a 2-lane undivided carriage. The project proposes to:

- Development the carriageway with paved shoulders and strengthening the existing Carriage way by overlays/rehabilitation/reconstruction.
- In addition to strengthening the existing carriageway, the project would improve the geometric deficiencies through curve improvement and the various Intersections.
- The proposed improvement includes repair/rehabilitation of existing cross drainage (CD). Structures. The highway and provision of new CD structures.
- The project highway passes through many settlements.

- To minimize the adverse impacts on the various settlements and to minimize land acquisition, short realignments to reduce adverse impacts. The proposed works shall be limited to a proposed ROW of 30/60 m. It is also proposed to have concentric widening to the extent possible to remove discrimination and local conflicts.
- Service roads are also proposed to be provided at a number of locations. These locations were proposed based on the proximity to cultural properties, educational and health units, and size of settlements.
- Proper drainage, grade-separation, road furniture, utilities and amenities wherever required shall also be provided.

4.0 (A) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha have recommended the proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. of forest Land on following condition **(File Page No.28 8 & 359)**

- 4.1 The Underpass having a minimum size of width 4.00 mt. and height 3.00 mt. shall be provided.
- 4.2 Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km.
- 4.3 The User Agency may modify the dimensions and interval of the underpasses. In exceptional cases, due to technical limitations (eg. Terrain factors, engineering standards) after visiting the site and recording reasons/facts.
- 4.4 Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then there would be no need to construct new underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimension, as suggested in para 4.1
- 4.5 Wherever natural cross drainage works area in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in para 4.1
- 4.6 The Sironcha Forest Division sheres boundry with Chhatisgarh and Telengana State. The area in Prone to Teak Smuggling Following Conditions is Proposed.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Nos	Rate	Total	Remark
1	Construction of new Forest Check Post	3	25,00,000/-	75,00,000	For controlling/illicit teak smuggling
2	Four wheeler vehicle	2	15,00,000/-	30,00,0000	For monitoring/inspection of proposed road works
	Total			1,05,00,000	

4.0 (B) The Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli have submitted the proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. of forest Land on following submission and recommended the project. **(File Page No. 367-368)**

1. Project proposed of 132.102. ha. of forest land is submitted as per forest conservator Act-1980 norms. Tiger Corridor area, Wildlife, Eco-Sensitive Zone area and forest Territorial division area is getting affected in this NHAI upgradation project. Wildlife and Tiger Corridor area are excluded. The proposal of road upgradation within existing width of 7.50 mtr. in tiger corridor and wildlife area is submitted to the PCCF (Wildlife) M.S., Nagpur.
2. During joint inspection on 8/4/2022, road turnings have been observed at 4-46 to f-47 (Comptt. No. JP 330, SA 045), F-54 to F-55 (Comptt No. SB 005, SB 006, SB 008) and F-80. If technically slope gradient is permitted then the proposed road shall be made straight at F-46 to F-47. In between F-54 to F-55 near Garkoota Village, the loop must be avoided and road realignment should be made

straight as forest land though which straight road will pass through, is not having many trees, it will save trees as well the affected forest land in long run. These turnings have been brought to the notice of NHAI representative officers at the time of joint inspection.

3. In this project, 22, 387 trees from forest area of forest Department as well as forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra area getting affected under this proposal. Among these trees 14,251 are under 60 cm girth. The Gadchiroli Dist. Is having 77.77 % Forest area out of total geographical area and forest density of adjoining area is up to 0.8. The area is already densely covered with trees So, there is no need of translocation affected trees. This office is recommending that there should not be conditions of translocation of these affected trees under 60 cm girth as given in Govt. of India MoEF &CC Letter no.10/14/2018-ROH&(E) Dt. 22 March, 2022.
4. This proposed NHAI upgradation road is on already existing 8.00 mtr. width, now (5.50 m. black top and 1.25 m.+1.25m. shoulder on both side.) Proposed width of road is 22.00 meter, after widening. There, will not be much environment damage to this forest area in future due to road widening. Hence taking into consideration, signification of road mentioned in the above para. (d) the project is recommended)

5.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha has certified that:-

- 5.1 No suitable alternate non forest land is available for Diversion proiposal for Up-gradatation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353-C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha Rai, Tal-Aheri & Sironcha in Dist. Gadchiroli Marg 4-laning Project and demand for the forest land is minimum. **(P.P.No. 350)**
- 5.2 Provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under it have not been violated by the User Agency. **(P.P.No.349)**
- 5.3 The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996. **(P.P.No.348)**
- 5.4 As per clause 2.6 of the Handbook under the FCA, 1980. The Special provisions for CA for Certain categories of projects is as under:-
 - (i) In the following cases, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of tree likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.
 - (ii) Diversion of forest land upto 5.0 ha. in accordance with General Approval granted for activities carried out by Govt. Department in notified LWE Districts.
- 5.5 The proposed project area belongs to Eco value Class -III having Density 0.8 (Very Dense Forest) **(P.P.No. 290 & 344)**
- 5.6 There are 22,387 trees cutting and felling involved in the project. Girth wise details is as under:- **(P.P. No. 342)**

Tree Girth in Cm.						
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	150	Total
10,615	3,636	2,364	2,137	1,645	1,990	22,387

- 5.7 The proposed project is not included in any National Park or Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature reserve. ((P.P.No.346). The Pranhita WLS is at a distance to 0.00 KM & Kolmanka Conservation Reserve is at a distance of 8.200 km from the Forest area proposed for diversion **(P.P.No. 345)**
- 5.8 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance. **(P.P.No.347)**
- 5.9 The total Compensatory Afforestation over 270.00 ha. degraded forest land Details of 215.00 ha. in the jurisdiction of Sironcha Forest Division, are as under **(P.P.No. 291 to 339)**

Sr.No.	District	Degraded land						
		Taluka	Compt. No.	Range	Round	Beat	CA land Polygon (Length in Mtr.)	Area in Ha.
1	Gadchiroli	Aheri	JA088	Jimalgatta	Jimalgatta	Jimalgatta	1305.000	5.000
2		Sironcha	SA002	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam II	1552.00	10.000
3			SA002	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam I	1567.00	15.000
4			SA007	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam II	892.00	5.000
5			SA038	Bamni	Bejjurpalli	Bejjurpalli-I	1088.00	5.000
6			SA063	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	1378.00	5.000
7			SA064	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	2037.00	15.000
8			SA064	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	1600.00	10.000
9			SA356	Sironcha	Sirkonda	Arda	2612.00	30.000
10			SB009	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	2770.00	25.000
11			SB009/1	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	2205.00	25.000
12			SB010	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	3068.00	25.000
13			AA229	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	Pulligudam	2142.00	20.000
14			AP004	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	1293.00	10.000
15			AA302	Asarali	Asarali	Asarali I	1385.00	10.000
16				Total Area				

Details of degraded forest land/non forest land in Wild life Sub-Division Allapalli 55.00 ha. area is available in Chaprala Wildlife Sanctuary, details are as under

Sr.No	District	Degraded land						
		Taluka	Compt.No.	Range	Round	Beat	CA land Polygon (Length in Mtr.)	Area in Ha.
1	Gadchiroli	Chamorshi	220	Chaudampalli	Markhanda	Ashti	1453	10.00
2			254		Thakri	Chandankhedi	1207	10.00
3			280		Chaudampalli	Chaudampalli	1935	10.00
4			312		Chaudampalli	Dhanur	1632	10.00
5			318		Chaudampalli	Dhanur	1938	15.00
					Total			55.00
					Grand Total			270.000

This is to certify that the said land is found suitable for taking compensatory afforestation. The area is free from encroachment.

6.0 The User Agency has submitted the following undertaking/documents:-

- 6.1 Agreed to bear the cost of clearance/removal of the vegetation growth from the proposed Forest land. (PPN-54)
- 6.2 Agreed to bear the cost of Net Present Value. (PPN-256)
- 6.3 Government of India vide letter No.11-43/2013-FC, dt.3/12/2018 has issued guideline Regarding Compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act,2006. As per these guidelines:-

'Accordingly, it is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of Stage I condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to be concerned CF), hence for the purpose of the MoEF&CC, as per the provisions under the Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has be to furnished by the State Government for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval'.

Hence, the User Agency has given an undertaking regarding the compliance under The scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dewllers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 been applied and is under process and shall be submitted before in- principle approval.

- 6.4 The proposal has been accorded the Administrative and, Technical approval. Expenditure Sanction By the Competent Authority. Copy of the same is enclosed in (PPN 222 to 226.)
 - 6.5 Agreed to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation. (PPN-258 to 259)
 - 6.6 The User Agency has submitted the mitigation measures for wildlife protection on section of NH 353 – C Passing through Sironcha Division must be approved by PCCF(WL) or WII (PPN 266 to 271.)
 - 6.7 The KML file of the proposed diverted area and C.A area is placed in the file at the top.
 - 6.8 The existing road passes through pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary and Tiger corridor. The proposed upgradation and widening of the road excludes the area of Pranhita Wild-Life Sanctuary and Tiger Corridors. The proposed road passes through Pranhita Wild Life Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone. The Chief Wildlife Warden vide office note No.Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey /C.R.58(Nodal)/1039/2022-23, dated 11/07/2022 has sent his remarks are as under:- (FPN- 48 to 50)
- i) *The proposed area is passing through Tiger Corridor hence the user agency has to submit a proposal regarding Wildlife Clearance to SBWL and NBWL through proper Channel.*
 - ii) *The User Agency has to submit and Under taking mentioning that all the mitigation majors suggested by the SBWL and NBWL will be implemited by the user agency and the user agency will abide by the mitigation majors.*
 - iii) *Area approximately 22.567 Ha. comes under Tiger Corridor*
 - iv.) *As per the above details the present project fall a Tiger Corridor. So as per the Section*

38(o) I (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, it is mandatory for the project proponent to obtain wildlife clearance for the project under reference.

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

- 7.1 Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged:
7.2 As per clause 2.6 of the Handbook under the FCA, 1980. The Special provisions for CA for certain categories of projects is as under:-

(A) Compensatory Afforestation :-

Compensatory Afforestation : Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 270.00 ha . Double degraded forest land in Comptt.No. JA088, Range- Jimalgatta , Round- Jimalgatta , Beat- Jimalgatta Comptt. No. SA002, Range- Bamni, Round- Parsewada, Beat- Paidigudam II . Comptt.No . SA002 , Range- Bamni , Round- Parsewada , Beat- Paidigudam I , Comptt.No. SA007, Range- Bamni, Round - Parsewada , Beat- Paidigudam II , Comptt. No. SA038, Range- Bamni, Round- Bejjurpalli , Beat- Bejjurpalli I , Comptt . No. SA063 , Range- Bamni, Round- Sirkonda, Beat - Gangnur I, Comptt.No.SA064, Range- Bamni , Round- Sirkonda , Beat- Gangnur I . tt.No. SA356 , Range- Sironcha , Round -Sironcha , Beat- Arda .Comptt . No. SB009, Range Sironcha, Round -Karaspalli, Beat- Rangyapalli I, Comptt.No . SB009 / I, Range- Sironcha, Round - Karaspalli, Beat- Rangyapalli I] Comptt.No . SB010, Range- Sironcha, Round -Karaspalli , Beat Rangyapalli I, Comptt. No. AA229, Range- Zinganoor, Round - Zinganoor, Beat- Pulligudam . Comptt.No. AP00 , Range- Zinganoor, Round - Zinganoor, Beat - Zinganoor, Comptt . No. AA302 , Range- Asaralli , Round - Asaralli , Beat - Asaralli I.Comptt . No. 220, Range- Chaudampalli , Round - Markahada , Beat- Ashti , Comptt . No. 254 , Range- Chaudampalli , Round - Thakri, Beat - Chandankhedi , Comptt . No. 280 , Range- Chaudampalli , Round- Chaudampalli , Beat - Chaudampalli , Comptt.No . 312 , Range- Chaudampalli , Round- Chaudampalli , Beat - Dhanur Comptt.No . 318 , Range- Chaudampalli , Round- Chaudampalli , Beat -Dhanur of Taluka Sironcha & Chamorshi of Dist.Gadchiroli at the cost of user agency . As far as possible , a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided

- (B)** The cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of Trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the User Agency towards compensatory afforestation.

- 7.3 The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory Afforestation at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

7.4 NPV:-

- (a)** The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 132.102 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008, and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt-II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5.3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- (b)** Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after

- Finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the Report from the Expert Committee shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 7.5 For Violation of the FCA, 1980 as penalty, the user agency will defray the cost of equal to NPV of Forest land per hectare for of each year of violence from the dated of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum up to (5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest till the deposited is made in accordance with Govt. of India advisory number 11-42/2017-FC, dated 29/01/2018.
- 7.6 All The funds received from the User Agency under the project, except the funds released for regeneratio/demarcation of safty zone, shall be transferred to ad-hoc CAMPA in the Saving Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned;
- 7.7 The User Agency shall obtain the Environment clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- 7.8 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- 7.9 The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labours and the Staff Working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- 7.10 The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet sigh reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- 7.11 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 7.12 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the Proposal;
- 7.13 The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 7.14 No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- 7.15 Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict Supervision of the State Forest Department;
- 7.16 The State Government shall ensure complete shall ensure complete settlement of rights in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest (Right) Act, 2006 on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its Guidelines issued in this regard along with the compliance of Stage-I approval;
- 7.17 The User Agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, who's nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nest artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- 7.18 User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.


- 7.19 Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- 7.20 It Shall mandatory to provide underpass for safe crossing of wild animals
- The underpass shall have a minimum size of width 4.00 mtr and Height 3.00 mtr.
 - Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then no need to construct New underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimensions, as Suggested in (a) above.
 - Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in (a) above.
 - Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km
- 7.21 The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/ Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
- 7.22 The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to the GOI office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;
- 7.23 The State Government shall monitor self-compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly reported as on 31st December of every year.
- 7.24 Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & Wildlife, and
- 7.25 The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force applicable to the projects.
- 7.26 The User Agency has submitted the mitigation measures for wildlife protection on section of NH 353 C Passing through Sironcha Division must be approved by PCCF(WL) or WII
- 7.27 The existing road passes through pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary and Tiger corridor. The proposed upgradation and widening of the road excludes the area of Pranhita Wild-Life Sanctuary and Tiger Corridors. The proposed road passes through Pranhita Wild Life Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone. The Chief Wildlife Warden vide office note No.Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey /C.R.58(Nodal)/1039/2022-23, dated 11/07/2022 has sent his remarks are as under:-
(FPN- 48 to 50)
- The proposed area is passing through Tiger Corridor hence the user agency has to submit a proposal regarding Wildlife Clearance to SBWL and NBWL through proper Channel.*
 - The User Agency has to submit and Under taking mentioning that all the mitigation majors suggested by the SBWL and NBWL will be implemited by the user agency and the user agency will abide by the mitigation majors.*
 - Area approximately 22.567 Ha. comes under Tiger Corridor*

iv.) *As per the above details the present project fall a Tiger Corridor. So as per the Section 38(o) I (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, it is mandatory for the project proponent to obtain wildlife clearance for the project under reference.*

8.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for Approving the proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Reserve Forest and Protected Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 for Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353 C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- Proposal 2 Copies

Yours Sincerely

 12/7/22

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy for information:-

1. The Conservator of Forest Gadchiroli .
2. The Deputy Conservator of forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha
3. The Executive Engineer, National Highway Department, Gadchiroli

PART -IV

(To be filled by 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)

Subject:- Proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in 22.00 meter ROW for Up- gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli- Sironcha of NH- 353 C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway. (FP/MH/ROAD/118805/2021)

The details of land proposed for diversion is as under:-

NH-353C ASHTI TO SIRONCHA COMPARTMENT WISE AREA STATEMENT (DIVISION-SIRONCHA (T.))

Sr. no	Taluka	Village Name	Range	Comp.No.	Survey No. / Gut No.	Forest Area				Legal status
						Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr	Area in Sqmt.	Area in Ha	
1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Aheri	Nandigaon	Kamalapur	KP179, PP206, PP205,	87, 102, 101, 85, 16, 71, 14	3128.51	22.00	68827.277	6.883	RF
2	Aheri	Guddigudam	Pranhita	PP180	13, 12,55, 57, 15, 20, 10, 14,	1006.080	22.00	22133.760	2.213	PF
3	Aheri	Timaram S	Kamalapur	KP178	142, 185	144.161	22.00	3171.534	0.317	PF
4	Aheri	Forest	Pranhita	PP181,PP182	Forest	1422.246	22.00	31289.408	3.129	RF
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6	Aheri	Chalewada	Pranhita	PP 186, PP187, PP188, PP189, PP190, PP191, PP192	Forest	6275.345	22.00	138057.581	13.806	RF
7	Aheri	Tatigudam	Kamalapur	KP146, KP145	89	786.103	22.00	17294.266	1.729	PF
8	Aheri	Repanpalli	Kamalapur	KP 145	106, 107, 108, 109	999.751	22.00	21994.532	2.199	PF

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12	Aheri	Damaram Rith & FDCM	Jimalgatta	JA057	3	429.790	22.00	9455.388	0.946	RF
13	Aheri	Umanur S, FD & FDCM	Jimalgatta	JP331, JP332	48, 50	1170.223	22.00	25744.901	2.574	PF
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17	Sironcha	Forest	Bamni	SA048	Forest	600.000	22.00	13200.000	1.320	RF
18	Sironcha	Rompalli	Bamni	SA051	164, 165, 165, 68, Road, 35, 154, Nalla	2274.351	22.00	50035.721	5.004	RF
19	Sironcha	Kamalpetha Raytwari	Bamni	SA049, SA050 SP006, SB003 SB004	Forest	4400.560	22.00	96812.320	9.681	RF
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21	Sironcha	Bamni	Bamni	SP009	Forest	2559.774	22.00	56315.028	5.632	PF
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37	Sironcha	Sironcha Mal	Sironcha		71, 49, 328, 367, 10, 2, 329	464.966	22.00	10229.253	1.023	Pf

38	Sironcha	Sironcha Rai.	Sironcha		Gaothan			0.000	0.000	Gaothan
	Total of Sironcha Rai. Village				Total	60046.583	880.000	1321024.828	132.102	0.000

Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Maharashtra State, Nagpur is attached on page no.

(Signature) 12/7/22

(Naresh Zurmure)

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Date: 12/07/2022

Subject:- proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in 22.00 meter ROW for Up- gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli- Sironcha of NH-353 C from Gitali-Mosam-Zamela Nalla in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway. (FP/MH/ROAD/118805/2021)

Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State (Head of Forest Force) Maharashtra State, Nagpur with regards to acceptance Or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.

The proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. ha. Forest land in 22.00 meter ROW for Up- gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli- Sironcha of NH-353 C from Gitali-Mosam-Zamela Nalla in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway.

2.0 The project alignment commences from Gadchiroli and terminates at Sironcha over a length of 204.5 km. Presently, State Highway Kilometer markings are at the site and the project corridor appears to start at km 172+650 as per kilometer markings (MSH 11) MSH 11 chainage has been compared with the NH-353 C Chainage and the Up- gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (F.No.10-22/2015-IA-III) starting point, i.e., proposed Chingae of NH-353 C for the present project is km 113+650 at Indira Square Junction in Gadchiroli. The road traverses through Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra via Gadchiroli, Chamorshi, Ashti and Allapalli and reaches end point at Sironcha at Chainage km 318+200. Existing ROW of the Project Road varies from 16.00 m to 22.00 m (in urban area) and in other area it varies from 30 to 60 mtr. on an average. Improved road connectivity is vital for economic growth of a region in particular and Nation in general. They help in transporting men and material effectively to the destination in time. Thus it provides larger market for the product and produce giving remunerative returns to the producers.

Proposed Improvements the existing project highway is presently a 2-lane undivided carriage. The project proposes to:

- Development the carriageway with paved shoulders and strengthening the existing Carriage way by overlays/rehabilitation/reconstruction.
- In addition to strengthening the existing carriageway, the project would improve the geometric deficiencies through curve improvement and the various Intersections.
- The proposed improvement includes repair/rehabilitation of existing cross drainage (CD). Structures. The highway and provision of new CD structures.
- The project highway passes through many settlements.
- To minimize the adverse impacts on the various settlements and to minimize land acquisition, short realignments to reduce adverse impacts. The proposed works shall be limited to a proposed ROW of 30/60 m. It is also proposed to

have concentric widening to the extent possible to remove discrimination and local conflicts.

- Service roads are also proposed to be provided at a number of locations. These locations were proposed based on the proximity to cultural properties, educational and health units, and size of settlements.
- Proper drainage, grade-separation, road furniture, utilities and amenities wherever required shall also be provided.

3.00 The detailed area statement of forest land is shown as under:- (Proposal Page No. 355 to 357)
Itemwise forest land Area Statement

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6.01 The total non-forest area involved in the project is 18.193 ha. The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha is enclosed in the **proposal file on page no.286 to 290.** Project Note submitted by the Project Authority is enclosed in the file on **P.P.No.275 to 279.**

4.0 (A) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha have recommended the proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. of forest Land on following condition **(File Page No.28 8 & 359)**

- 5.1 The Underpass having a minimum size of width 4.00 mt. and height 3.00 mt. shall be provided.
- 5.2 Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km.
- 5.3 The User Agency may modify the dimensions and interval of the underpasses. In exceptional cases, due to technical limitations (eg. Terrain factors, engineering standards) after visiting the site and recording reasons/facts.
- 5.4 Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then there would be no need to construct new underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimension, as suggested in para 5.1
- 5.5 Wherever natural cross drainage works area in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in para 5.1
- 5.6 The Sironcha Forest Division sheres boundry with Chhatisgarh and Telengana State. The area in Prone to Teak Smuggling Following Conditions is Proposed.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Nos	Rate	Total	Remark
1	Construction of new Forest Check Post	3	25,00,000/-	75,00,000	For controlling/illicit teak smuggling
2	Four wheeler vehicle	2	15,00,000/-	30,00,0000	For monitoring/inspection of proposed road works
	Total			1,05,00,000	

5.0 (B) The Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli have submitted the proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. of forest Land on following submission and recommended the project.
(File Page No. 367-368)

- 1) Project proposed of 132.102. ha. of forest land is submitted as per forest conservator Act-1980 norms. Tiger Corridor area, Wildlife, Eco-Sensitive Zone area and forest Territorial division area is getting affected in this NHAI upgradation project. Wildlife and Tiger Corridor area are excluded. The proposal of road upgradation within existing width of 7.50 mtr. in tiger corridor and wildlife area is submitted to the PCCF (Wildlife) M.S., Nagpur.
- 2) During joint inspection on 8/4/2022, road turnings have been observed at 4-46 to f-47 (Comptt. No. JP 330, SA 045), F-54 to F-55 (Comptt No. SB 005, SB 006, SB 008) and F-80. If technically slope gradient is permitted then the proposed road shall be made straight at F-46 to F-47. In between F-54 to F-55 near Garkoota Village, the loop must be avoided and road realignment should be made straight as forest land though which straight road will pass through, is not having many trees, it will save trees as well the affected forest land in long run. These turnings have been brought to the notice of NHAI representative officers at the time of joint inspection.
- 3) In this project, 22, 387 trees from forest area of forest Department as well as forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra area getting affected under this proposal. Among these trees 14,251 are under 60 cm girth. The Gachiroli Dist. Is having 77.77 % Forest area out of total

geographical area and forest density of adjoining area is up to 0.8. The area is already densely covered with trees So, there is no need of translocation affected trees. This office is recommending that there should not be conditions of translocation of these affected trees under 60 cm girth as given in Govt. of India MoEF &CC Letter no.10/14/2018-ROH&(E) Dt. 22 March, 2022.

- 4) This proposed NHA1 upgradation road is on already existing 8.00 mtr. width, now (5.50 m. black top and 1.25 m.+1.25m. shoulder on both side.) Proposed width of road is 22.00 meter, after widening There, will not be much environment damage to this forest area in future due to road widening. Hence taking into consideration, signification of road mentioned in the above para. (d) the project is recommended)

6.00 **The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Allapalli Forest Division, Allapalli has certified that:-**

- 6.1 No suitable alternate non forest land is available for Diversion proiposal for Up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353-C from Zamla Nalla to Sironcha Rai, Tal-Aheri & Sironcha in Dist. Gadchiroli Marg 4-laning Project and demand for the forest land is minimum. **(P.P.No. 350)**
- 6.2 Provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under it have not been violated by the User Agency. **(P.P.No.349)**
- 6.3 The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996. **(P.P.No.348)**
- 6.4 As per clause 2.6 of the Handbook under the FCA, 1980. The Special provisions for CA for Certain categories of projects is as under:-
- (i) In the following cases, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of tree likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.
- (ii) Diversion of forest land upto 5.0 ha. in accordance with General Approval granted for activities carried out by Govt. Department in notified LWE Districts.
- 6.5 The proposed project area belongs to Eco value Class -III having Density 0.8 (Very Dense Forest) **(P.P.No. 290 & 344)**
- 6.6 There are 22387 trees cutting and felling involved in the project. Girth wise details is as under:- **(P.P. No. 342)**

Tree Girth in Cm.						
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	150	Total
10615	3636	2364	2137	1645	1990	22387

- 6.7 The proposed project is not included in any National Park or Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature reserve. ((P.P.No.346). The Pranhita WLS is at a distance to 0.00 KM & Kolmanka Conservation Reserve is at a distance of 8.200 km from the Forest area proposed for diversion **(P.P.No. 345)**
- 6.8 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance. **(P.P.No.347)**
- 6.9 The total Compensatory Afforestation over 270.00 ha. degraded forest land Details of 215.00 ha. in the jurisdiction of Sironcha Forest Division, are as under **(P.P.No. 291 to 339)**

		Degraded land						
Sr.No.	District	Taluka	Compt. No.	Range	Round	Beat	CA land Polygon (Length in Mtr.)	Area in Ha.
1	Gadchiroli	Aheri	JA088	Jimalgatta	Jimalgatta	Jimalgatta	1305.000	5.000
2		Sironcha	SA002	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam II	1552.00	10.000
3			SA002	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam I	1567.00	15.000
4			SA007	Bamni	Parsewada	Paidigudam II	892.00	5.000
5			SA038	Bamni	Bejjurpalli	Bejjurpalli-I	1088.00	5.000
6			SA063	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	1378.00	5.000
7			SA064	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	2037.00	15.000
8			SA064	Bamni	Sirkonda	Gangunur I	1600.00	10.000
9			SA356	Sironcha	Sirkonda	Arda	2612.00	30.000
10			SB009	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	2770.00	25.000
11			SB009/1	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	2205.00	25.000
12			SB010	Sironcha	Karaspalli	Rangyapalli I	3068.00	25.000
13			AA229	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	Pulligudam	2142.00	20.000
14			AP004	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	1293.00	10.000
15			AA302	Asarali	Asarali	Asarali I	1385.00	10.000
16					Total Area			

Details of degraded forest land/non-forest land in Wild life Sub-Division Allapalli 55.00 ha. area is available in Chaprala Wildlife Sanctuary. details are as under

Sr.No	District	Degraded land						
		Taluka	Compt.No.	Range	Round	Beat	CA land Polygon (Length in Mtr.)	Area in Ha.
1	Gadchiroli	Chamorshi	220	Chaudampalli	Markhanda	Ashti	1453	10.00
2			254		Thakri	Chandankhedi	1207	10.00
3			280		Chaudampalli	Chaudampalli	1935	10.00
4			312		Chaudampalli	Dhanur	1632	10.00
5			318		Chaudampalli	Dhanur	1938	15.00
					Total			55.00
					Grand Total			270.000

This is to certify that the said land is found suitable for taking compensatory afforestation. The area is free from encroachment.

7.0 **The User Agency has submitted the following undertaking/documents:-**

7.1 Agreed to bear the cost of clearance/removal of the vegetation growth from the proposed Forest land. (PPN-54)

7.2 Agreed to bear the cost of Net Present Value. (PPN-256)

7.3 Government of India vide letter No.11-43/2013-FC, dt.3/12/2018 has issued guideline Regarding Compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act,2006. As per these guidelines:-

'Accordingly, it is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of Stage I condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to be concerned CF), hence for the purpose of the MoEF&CC, as per the provisions under the Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has be to furnished by the State Government for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval'.

Hence, the User Agency has given an undertaking regarding the compliance under The scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dewlle (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 been applied and is under process and shall be submitted before in- principle approval.

7.4 The proposal has been accorded the Administrative and, Technical approval. Expenditure Sanction By the Competent Authority. Copy of the same is enclosed in (PPN 222 to 226.)

7.5 Agreed to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation. (PPN-258 to 259)

7.6 The KML file of the proposed diverted area and C.A area is placed in the file at the top.

7.7 The proposed project is at a distance of 0.00 km. from the boundry of Pranchita Wildlife Sanchtuary and 8.2 km. distance from Kolamarka Conservation Reserve. The Chief Wildlife Warden vide office note No.Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey /C.R.58(Nodal)/1039/2022-23, dated 11/07/2022 has sent his remarks are as under:- (FPN- 48 to 50)

i. *The proposed area is passing through Tiger Corridor hence the user agency has to submit a proposal regarding Wildlife Clearance to SBWL and NBWL through proper Channel.*

ii. *The User Agency has to submit and Under taking mentioning that all the mitigation majors suggested by the SBWL and NBWL will be implemited by the user agency and the user agency will abide by the mitigation majors.*

iii. *Area approximately 22.567 Ha. comes under Tiger Corridor*

iv. *As per the above details the present project fall a Tiger Corridor. So as per the Section 38(o) I (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, it is mandatory for the project proponent to obtain wildlife clearance for the project under reference.*

8.00 In View of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the sectin-2 (ii) of the forest (Conservation) Act,1980 subject to the following conditions:-

8.1 Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged:

8.2 As per clause 2.6 of the Handbook under the FCA, 1980. The Special provisions for CA for certain

categories of projects is as under:-

(A) Compensatory Afforestation :-

Compensatory Afforestation : Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 270.00 ha . Double degraded forest land in Comptt.No . JA088 , Range- Jimalgatta , Round- Jimalgatta , Beat- Jimalgatta Comptt . No. SA002 , Range- Bamni , Round- Parsewada , Beat- Paidigudam II . Comptt.No . SA002 , Range- Bamni , Round- Parsewada , Beat- Paidigudam I , Comptt.No . SA007 , Range- Bamni , Round - Parsewada , Beat- Paidigudam II , Comptt . No. SA038 , Range- Bamni , Round- Bejjurpalli , Beat- Bejjurpalli I , Comptt . No. SA063 , Range- Bamni , Round- Sirkonda , Beat - Gangnur I , Comptt.No.SA064 , Range- Bamni , Round- Sirkonda , Beat- Gangnur I . tt.No. SA356 , Range- Sironcha , Round -Sironcha , Beat- Arda .Comptt . No. SB009 , Range Sironcha , Round -Karaspalli , Beat- Rangyapalli I , Comptt.No . SB009 / I , Range- Sironcha , Round - Karaspalli , Beat- Rangyapalli I] Comptt.No . SB010 , Range- Sironcha , Round -Karaspalli , Beat Rangyapalli I , Comptt . No. AA229 , Range- Zinganoor , Round - Zinganoor , Beat- Pulligudam . Comptt.No . AP004 , Range- Zinganoor , Round - Zinganoor , Beat - Zinganoor , Comptt . No. AA302 , Range- Asaralli , Round - Asaralli , Beat - Asaralli I.Comptt . No. 220, Range- Chaudampalli , Round - Markahada , Beat- Ashti , Comptt . No. 254, Range- Chaudampalli , Round - Thakri , Beat - Chandankhedi , Comptt . No. 280, Range- Chaudampalli , Round- Chaudampalli , Beat - Chaudampalli , Comptt.No. 312, Range- Chaudampalli , Round- Chaudampalli , Beat - Dhanur Comptt.No . 318 , Range- Chaudampalli , Round- Chaudampalli , Beat -Dhanur of Taluka Sironcha & Chamorshi of Dist.Gadchiroli at the cost of user agency . As far as possible , a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided

- (B)** The cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of Trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the User Agency towards compensatory afforestation.

8.3 The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory Afforestation at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

8.4 NPV:-

- (a)** The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 54.657 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008, and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt-II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5.3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- (b)** Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after Finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the Report from the Expert Committee shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

8.5 For Violation of the FCA, 1980 as penalty, the user agency will defray the cost of equal to

NPV of Forest land per hectare for of each year of violence from the dated of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum up to (5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest till the deposited is made in accordance with Govt. of India advisory number 11-42/2017-FC, dated 29/01/2018.

- 8.6 All The funds received from the User Agency under the project, except the funds released for regnration / demarcation of safty zone, shall be transferred to ad-hoc CAMPA in the Saving Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned;
- 8.7 The User Agency shall obtain the Environment clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- 8.8 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- 8.9 The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labours and the Staff Working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- 8.10 The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet sigh reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- 8.11 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 8.12 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the Proposal;
- 8.13 The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 8.14 No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- 8.15 Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict
- 8.16 The State Government shall ensure complete shall ensure complete settlement of rights in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest (Right) Act, 2006 on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its Guidelines issued in this regard along with the compliance of Stage-I approval;
- 8.17 The User Agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, who's nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nest artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- 8.18 User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- 8.19 Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- 8.20 It Shall mandatory to provide underpass for safe crossing of wild animals
 - (i) The underpass shall have a minimum size of width 4.00 mtr and Height 3.00 mtr.
 - (i) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then no need to construct New

underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimensions, as Suggested in (a) above.

- (ii) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in (a) above.
- (iii) Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km
- 8.21 The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/ Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
- 8.22 The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to the GOI office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;
- 8.23 The State Government shall monitor self-compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly reported as on 31st December of every year.
- 8.24 Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & Wildlife, and
- 8.25 The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force applicable to the projects.
- 8.26 The User Agency has submitted the mitigation measures for wildlife protection on section of NH 353 – C Passing through Sironcha Division must be approved by PCCF(WL) or WII
- 8.27 The existing road passes through Pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary and Tiger corridor. The proposed upgradation and widening of the road excludes the area of Pranhita Wild-Life Sanctuary and Tiger Corridors. The proposed road passes through Pranhita Wild Life Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone.
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9.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for Approving the proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Reserve Forest and Protected Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 for Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353 C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.



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