

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Prescribed Vide PCCF (HoFF) No. Desk-17/Model Cell/17-4/1445/2015-16 dt. 05/11/2015.

1	Name of Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	Proposal for diversion of 63.54 ha. Forest land for construction of Greenfield Airport, Chandrapur at Village Vhirgaon & Murti. Range- Rajura, Round- Vhirgaon, Beat- Vhirgaon & Murti
2	Name of the User Agency	Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation, Mumbai
3	Date of Site Inspection	Dt.19/08/2022
4	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	63.54 ha. Reserve & Protected Forest.
5	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land	Construction of Greenfield Airport Area 63.54 ha. C. No. 173 :- 36.70 ha. C. No. 200 :- 01.57 ha. C. No. 593 :- 25.27 ha. Total :- 63.54 ha.
	b) Density and Eco-value class	Density 0.5, Eco-value Class - III
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
7	Whether 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.	Yes, area falls in tiger corridor.
	b) details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land if so. The details thereof.	Presence of Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear in the area.
	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any protected Area (km)	8.242 Km. Kanhargao Wildlife Sanctuary
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	As project falls in tiger corridor connecting TATR and Kawal Tiger Reserve, it is likely to have negative impact on the sensitivity of forest area.
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes reasons thereof	Yes, Since it is part of Tiger corridor Grid No. 248 (Vihirgaon & Murti C. No. 173, 200, 593) as per WII Report on Tiger Corridor of EVL. (Tiger Corridor in Chandrapur District)
9	Details of vegetation	3392
	a) Total number of trees to be felled.	2081
	b) Number of trees to be felled girth below 60 cm.	1311
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.	
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.	Loss of vegetation of 3392 trees..
10	Background note on the proposal (short summary)	To accelerate the Industrial growth & facilitate the transportation to and from important parts of the country, an airport has been envisaged at a distance of about 190 km from Nagpur airport. This project is expected to improve socio-economic standards of the region due to increased employment opportunities. It is also expected to effect economic development of the backward region of the Vidharbha area.

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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 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No rehabilitation involved in this proposal
13	Details on catchment and culturally command area under the project (if applicable)	NA
	Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	NA
14	Utility of the project	Public utility project.
15	Whether land being diverted has any sociocultural/religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/ forest exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No
16	Any other important information related to the project (separate note may be attached if required)	Project justification report as given by user Agency is attached.
17	Details of document and photographs enclosed.	Yes
18	Recommendation of the Inspecting Officer (Dy. C. F.)	Proposal is recommended for approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 subject to the conditions of final notification of Kanhargaoon wildlife sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone and compliance report from User Agency of wildlife mitigation measures proposed by WII.

Place - Chandrapur

Date - 19/08/2022


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