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)

Sub.:- Proposal for Diversion of 7.62 ha. of forest land for Construction of Two lane road with paved shoulder from Hadgaon-Tamsa-Bhokar-Umri-Karegaon-Lohgaon SH-251Chainage 0/000 to 89/221 on Hybrid Annuity in Nanded District in the State of Maharasthra.

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	26+100 27+100	to	26+ 100	27+ 100	wadi)				100	30	30000	3.00		
3	27+100 27+280	to	27+ 100	27+ 280	Dhawari Bujurg	354 A	18/ 3	29	180	30	5400	0.54	R.F	
	27+410 27+690	to	27+ 410	27+ 690					280	30	8400	0.84		
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(Naresh Zurmure) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer

Date: 08/09/2022 Place: - Nagpur Proposal for Diversion of 7.62 ha. of forest land for Construction of Two lane road with paved shoulder from Hadgaon-Tamsa-Bhokar-Umri-Karegaon-Lohgaon SH-251,

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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 project has been initiated by the Executive Engineer, Public Work Division PWD Campus, Bhakar, Dist. Nanded for diversion of 7.62 ha. of forest land for Construction of Two lane road with paved shoulder from Hadgaon-Tamsa-Bhokar-Umri-Karegaon-Lohgaon SH-251, Chainage 0/000 to 89/221 on Hybrid Annuity in Nanded District in the State of Maharasthra.

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2) The detailed area statement of forest land is shown as under:- (P-4-5)

- 3) The total non-forest area involved in the project is 256.09 ha. (P-7 to 9). The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nanded Forest Division, Nanded is enclosed in the proposal file on page no.44 to 46.
- 4) The User Agency has given justification for locating the project in forest land that (AU-107) Construction of Two Lane Road with paved Shoulders from Hadgaon-Tamsa-Bhokar-Umri-Karegaon-Lohgaon SH-251, Chainage 0/00 to 89/221 on Hybrid Annuity in Nanded District. The Government of Maharashtra has taken up a massive programme of up-gradation and development of existing two-lane State Highways. This stretch passes through Nanded district. The Nanded district is foremost players in tourism and aided industry along with agricultural. It is a need of an hour for better transportation facilities to cope up with future demands. This state highway connects to other State highways. Considering all the major factors, the Government has taken a policy decision of developing this state highway for better and safe transportation. This entire stretch

starting form Hadgaon CH-0/00 and ends at Lohgaon CH-89/221 provides connectivity to various important religious places, Sugarcane factories, important places of trades, other national and state highways. This project shall help in achieving the following objectives amongst others. 1) Easy and fast transfer between modes. 2) Cost saving over development of separate corridors for each transportation & utility supply modes. 3) Reduction of Pollution. 4) High speed of movement, faster connectivity and subsequent speedy disposal of vehicle. (P-24)

- 5) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nanded Forest Division, Nanded and the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Aurangabad have recommended the proposal for diversion of 7.62 ha. of forest land. (P-154 to 155 and 159)
- 6) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nanded Forest Division, Nanded has certified that:-
 - 6.1) No suitable alternate non-forest land is available and demand for the forest land is minimum. (P-30)
 - 6.2) The proposed project has not been started in the forest land as well as in nonforest land and no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or its guidelines has been committed . (P-31)
 - 6.3) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 7.62 ha. Non-Forest land at Village-Gundawal, Tehsil-Mahur, Range-Mahur Survey/Gut No.70.This area is suitable for afforestation and management purpose and also it is free from encroachment.(P-32)
 - 6.4) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance. (P-35)
 - 6.5) Proposed area is not included in National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature Reserve. (P-36)
 - 6.6) The proposed area belongs to Eco value class-III, Dense Forest having density below 0.4 (P-37 and 44)
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Girth wise	details is	as under:-	(P-162-163)
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435	384	226	85	85	44	17	2	5	3	1286

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- 6.9) The project is extremely site-specific and no alternative non-forest land can be used for the propose (P-40)
- 6.10) CA Scheme for Ten years. (P-49 to 57)

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- 7) The User Agency has submitted the following undertaking/Certificate/documents:-
 - 7.1) Agreed to bear the cost of exploitation of felling of trees and their allied works in forest land. (P-85)
 - 7.2) Agreed to bear the cost of Compensatory afforestation. (P-86)
 - 7.3) Agreed to bear the cost of Net Present Value. (P-88)
 - 7.4) Copy of Technical approval issued by the Chief Engineer, PWD, Aurangabad vide letter No.MUAO/2017-18/KA-9, dt.03/11/2017. (P-100 and 105 to 107)
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 - 7.8) The KML file of the proposed diverted area and C.A area is placed in the file at the top.

8) 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:-

- 8.1) The legal status of the forest land required will remain unchanged.
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- 8.3) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 7.62 ha. Non-Forest land at Village-Gundawal, Tehsil-Mahur, Range-Mahur Survey/Gut No.70 at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
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- 8.5) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 7.62 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Government of India guidelines dated 06/01/2022, 19/01/2022 and 22/03/2022.
- 8.6) 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

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from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

- 8.7) For violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 the User Agency shall pay 5 times Penal NPV as per para 1.21 of Handbook of guidelines issued vide Central Government letter dated 28/03/2019.
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- 8.9) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<u>http://parivesh.nic.in/</u>)
- 8.10) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
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- 8.16) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 8.17) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
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- 8.21) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
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9.0 It is therefore, requested that Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for approving the diversion of 7.62 ha. of forest land for Construction of Two lane road with paved shoulder from Hadgaon-Tamsa-Bhokar-Umri-Karegaon-Lohgaon SH-251, Chainage 0/000 to 89/221 on Hybrid Annuity in Nanded District in the State of Maharasthra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- (Proposal in 1 copies)

Youri sincerely

(Naresh Zurmure) Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer

Copy forwarded for information to:-

- 1. The Deputy Director General (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001. (Along with 1 proposal copy)
- 2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Aurangabad.
- 3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nanded Forest Division, Nanded.
- 4. The Deputy Executive Engineer P.W.D.Division, Nanded Behind Government Rest House Sneh Nagar, Nanded 432602.