

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items		Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat) :		Diversion of 0.5669 ha. Private forest land for non-forest activities i.e., Widening of Existing NH4B, NH348A to 6/8 lanes on the boundaries of proposed Navi Mumbai International Airport and JNPT: Connectivity between NH348B and NH348 village Vahal, Tal. Panvel dist. Raigad, Maharashtra State.
	Location i)	Division	: Alibag Forest Division.
	ii)	Range	: Uran
	iii)	Round	: Dapoli
	iv)	S.No.	: 0.5669 Ha. (S.No. 427/1 of village Vahal, Tal. Panvel)
2.	Name of the User Agency :		Project Director, Mumbai-JNPT Port Road Company Ltd. Project Implementation Unit-Panvel
3.	Date of site inspection :		21/12/2021
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion :		0.5669 Ha. Acquired Private Forest
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land :		Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No. 19
	b) Density of the forest :		The density is 0.1
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 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 form wildlife point of view or not	: No.

	b.	Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	: Nil.
	c.	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	: Distance from the nearest boundary of protected area i.e. Karnala Bird Sanctuary is about 8.75 KM and not included in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnal 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:	: 0
	b.	Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	: 0
	c.	Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	: 0
	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. 113
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 plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	: Nil
14.		Utility of the Project	: This project is for diversion of only 0.5669 Ha. of forest area. This project is public

		interest and infrastructure project. This project required less than 1.00 ha. of forest land.
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. 114, 115
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	: This project is for diversion of 0.5669 Ha. forest land for construction of connectivity road between NH348B and NH348 at Gut No. 427/1 of village Vahal, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad, which require less than 1.00 ha. of forest land. This project is in public interest and infrastructure development 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 : 09/02/2022.
Place : Alibag

(ASHISH THAKARE IFS)
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Alibag.

Site Inspection Note

The under signed has inspected the proposed site on date 21/12/2021, which is proposed for diversion of 0.5669 Ha. Forest Land for construction of connectivity road between NH348B and NH348 at Gut No. 427/1 of village Vahal, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad which requires less than 1.00 ha. of forest land.

There is existing unconstructed path way and people are using it since long time. No work has been started, for the proposed diversion, hence violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not seen.

From the site inspection it appears that prima-facia there was no soil disturbance and there is no tree felling is required on forest land diversion for road and laying of water pipeline.

Date : 09/01/2022.

Place : Alibag


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PROJECT NOTE

Project Director, Mumbai-JNPT Port Road Company Ltd. Project Implementation Unit-Panvel has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.5669 Ha. Forest Land construction of connectivity road between NH348B and NH348 at Gut No. 427/1 of village Vahal, Tal. Panvel, Distirct Raigad.

The required forest area is barest minimum for construction of connectivity road between NH348B and NH348 at Gut No. 427/1 of village Vahal, Tal. Panvel.


The user agency has not started any work on proposed forest land.

This project involves less than 1.00 ha. Forest land, therefore the compensatory non-forest land is not required. Hence, compensatory afforestation is proposed double degraded forest land i.e. on 1.1338 ha. degraded forest land. The degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation from Reserved Forest S.No. 346 of village Gavhan, Taluka Uran, Dist. Raigad. The project authority is willing to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation and all Government levies as required by the Government.

Therefore, this proposal has been recommended for diversion of 0.5669 ha. forest land for non-forest purposes.

Date : 09/02/2022.

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