

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)

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Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.



Date: 13/7/2017

Place: Nagpur

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otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.**

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The demand for the release of water from the Bawanthadi Medium Plant should be done in the sorna project, after getting water from the Bawanthadi Project, More area will be under ruby/Summer Irrigation and thereby improving the financial condition of the beneficiaries. The Project is administratively approved by the Government of Maharashtra, Water Resources Department, Government Resolution No.AAP-2017/(P.N.36/2017)/ Irri.Man.(Works), Ministry, Mumbai-400032, dt.03/08/2017. The project is demarcated on Survey of India Top

Mumbai-400032,dt.03/08/2017. The project is demarcated on Survey of India Top sheet No. 55 0/11 and the forest area lies within Latitude N-21°27'43.09" and E-79°36'04.59" and Longitude N-21°28'0.11" and E-79°36'46.84", Latitude N-21°27'59.61" and Longitude E-79°36'46.66" and Latitude N-21°26'50.54" Longitude E-79°35'31.53"to . The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara is enclosed on page no. 5 to 6.

- 3) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III and having density less than 0.5 of Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest.
- 4) The District Collector, Bhandara & the Conservator of Forests, Bhandara have certified that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.
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25/30	31/45	46/60	61/75	76/90	91/105	106/120	121/135	136/150	Above 150	Total
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- 7) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
- 8) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc as certified by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara.
- 9) The area involved does not affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance as certified the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara
- 10) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, as certified by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara
- 11) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara has certified that Compartment No.54 and 356 in Jambkandri Range converted under the project of forest clearance proposal for Sorna project at District Bhandara are not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest Acquisition Act, 1975 by virtue of application of Section-35 of India Forest Act, 1927 and are not recognized as deemed Reserved Forest as well as not included in the area identified as forest as the dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert

committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996 for Bhandara District

- 12) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara has Zudpi Jungle (Section-4) Forest land of proposed as Compensatory land required for the proposed of Forest Clearance proposal in Sorna Medium Project Dist. Bhandara is not included in the area as forest as identified by the Expert Committee appointed under the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 12/12/1996. , Also this land is not acquired under the provisions of Private Forest (Acquisition) Act-1975 by virtue application 35 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and in not recognized as deemed reserved forest.
- 13) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara has certified that the proposed project is beyond 10 km of boundaries of the Protected Area (Sanctuary National Park) i.e., Koka Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 14) The User Agency has submitted a copy of Resolution of Aam Sabha of concerned Gram Panchayats, favoring diversion.
- 15) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara has not submitted Eco-sensitive zone map in appropriate scale.
- 15) The User Agency has submitted the certificates of Collector, Bhandara under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 issued vide letter No. Rev/W.S.2486/2017, dt.15/11/2017 in prescribed format Form- I as per Government of India guidelines dated 5/7/2013 with all annexures as required. The User Agency has not submitted the revised certificate under FRA-2006 for the area 6.537 ha. by Collector, Bhandara, before Stage-I approval.

In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section - 2 (ii) subject the following conditions.

- i) The legal status of the Forest land required will remain unchanged and area will remain in charge of the Forest Department.
- ii) Compensatory afforestation will be raised over 13.50ha. at the cost of User Agency on double degraded forest in Survey No. 206/1,237, Taluka Mohadi, Range Jambkandri, Village Usarra.
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- iv) The Agency will pay the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars on the compensatory afforestation land, made available by the Agency.
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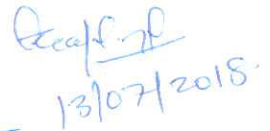
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No. : Desk-17/NC/I.I.D- / /18-19

Nagpur - 440 001, Dated : 13/07/2018

To,
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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), at MoEF, Regional Office, Nagpur in meeting with The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State has informed that the forest area to be diverted for this project has been only proposed for construction of feeder canal. As per the requirement of the User Agency the water from the Bawanthadi main canal through feeder canal to Nala will be feed to Sorna Medium Project. However, the forest area coming under the Nala has not been proposed for diversion by the Irrigation Department. Hence, there is a probability that this may confer right to another agency for proposing the project

on this Nala. It is therefore, would be logical to incorporate the forest land coming under the Nala in the proposal. So that the entire RoW comes under the right of the Irrigation Department and hence the previous proposed area was revised to 6.537 ha.

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Encl. :- Proposal 3 copies


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 Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

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