

PART-II
(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

State Serial No. of Proposal No.FP/MH/RAIL/155198/2022

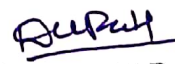
7.	Location of the project/scheme		
(i)	State / Union Territory	:	Maharashtra
(ii)	District	:	Solapur
(iii)	Forest Division	:	Solapur Forest Division
(iv)	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha)	:	3.3685 Ha. (0.9280 ha with forest department and 2.4405 ha with Revenue department.) As per Area Statement
(v)	Legal Status of the forest	:	Reserved Forest
(vi)	Density of vegetation	:	Density < 0.4
(vii)	Species class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed). In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.	:	In this proposed forest area 3.3685 ha. there is 13687 nos of trees required to be felled. List of Species- wise (Scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees is attached on page no.
viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	:	Proposed forest area is not vulnerable to erosion
(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	:	Zero meters. Along with the forest boundary.
(x)	Whether forms a part of National park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	:	Yes. The proposed site is passing through finally declared Eco-Sensitive Zone of The Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary vide Central Government gazette no S. O. 654 (E), dt. 11/02/2020 and propose forest area from village Mardi (2.4405 ha) is at the aerial distance of 227 m from Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary. This office communicated to Project Authority and Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Pune for opinion and NBWL and SBWL clearance required or not required vide letter dt. 16/12/2022, 11/05/2023, 06/07/2023, 14/07/2023, 18/07/2023 and 21/07/2023 but clear reply for the same is awaited from User Agency and DCF (WL), Pune.
(xi)	Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of Flora and Fauna found in the area- If so details thereof.	:	No rare/ endangered/ unique species of Flora and Fauna found in the proposed forest area during the site inspection.
(xii)	Whether any protected archeological/ heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	:	No archeological/ heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area to be diverted.
8	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 alternatives examined.	:	Yes, the demand for the required forest land as proposed is unavoidable barest minimum demand for this linear project.

9	Whether any work in violation of the act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, the details done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	:	No violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under the Act has been carried out.
10	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme	:	
(i)	Details of non forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation. Its distance from adjoining forest Number of patches, size of each patch.	:	The Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on the Double Degraded Forest Land i.e. total 2.2814 Ha. The details of the same as follows. Patch No. 1 Division : Solapur Range : Solapur Round : Solapur Beat : Nannaj Village : Kauthali Gut No. : 321 Compt. No. : 318 Area in Ha. : 6.737 Ha. Legal Status : Unclassed Forest
(ii)	Map showing non forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation & adjoining forest boundaries.	:	Attached on page no
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	:	Attached on page no
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	:	Attached on page no
(v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)	:	Attached on Page No.
11	Site Inspection report of the DCF (To be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	:	Site inspection report attached on Page No.
12	Division / District profile	:	Solapur Forest Division/ Solapur
(i)	Geographical area of the Division	:	Geographical area of the Pune district is 14895 sq.km
(ii)	Forest area of the Division	:	Forest area of the Solapur Forest Division is 28208 ha.
(iii)	Total Forest area diverted since 1980 with	:	Area= 51.615 ha. Cases = 9.
(iv)	Total Compensatory afforestation stipulated in the Division since 1980 on till date	:	63.43 ha. in Solapur Forest Division.
a)	Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation	:	60.00 Ha.
b)	Non forest land	:	3.43 Ha.

(v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on till date	:	
	a) Forest land	:	60.00 Ha.
	b) Non forest land	:	3.43 Ha.
13	Specific recommendation of the D.C.F. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	The proposed alignment passing through gut no 478, 480, 481, 482, 483, 223, 225, 220, 219, 218, 215, 214, 165, 217, 218 and 212 of village Mardi Tal North Solapur is in Eco Sensitive Zone around the Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary finally declared vide Central Government gazette no S. O. 654 (E), dt. 11/02/2020. Hence this project required NBWL and SBWL clearance. This office communicated to User agency and Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Pune vide this office letter dt. 16/12/2022, 11/05/2023, 06/07/2023, 14/07/2023, 18/07/2023 and 21/07/2023. but clear reply for the same is awaited from user agency and DCF (WL), Pune. Diverted area near village Mardi is 227 m from GIB sanctuary and possible wildlife habitat but as per FCA 1980 guidelines dt. 28/03/2019 chapter 11.5 "Railway projects passing through the notified ESZ or located within 10 km radius of Pas (Protected areas) or Tiger Reserves (TR) area not required to obtain Wildlife Clearance from the NBWL as these projects do not need Environment Clearance. However, railway projects passing through the areas linking one TR with another PA or TR diversion cannot be allowed for ecologically unsustainable use, except in public interest with the approval of NBWL on the advice of NTCA as provided under section 38 (O) (1) (g) of WLPA 1972". It is requested to get final node from DCF (WL), Pune regarding wildlife clearance with considering above all facts and recommending/ taking preventive measures to protect wildlife and its habitat near to GIB sanctuary for further necessary action. At the same time plantation area at Kasabe Solapur is within city limit and near to Railway track, needs protection from encroachment. Hence construction of compound wall at Kasabe Solapur Reserve Forest Sy. No 496 around the forest area is required.

Date: 27/07/2023

Place: Solapur


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