

**Full title of the Project:** Diversion of Forest Land for replacing underground Drinking Water Pipeline in Daund Tehsil of Pune District of Maharashtra State.

**File No.:** FP/MH/WATER/138892/2021

**Date of Proposal:** 20/03/2021

## APPENDIX (SEE RULE 6)

### FORM - 'A'

#### FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980

#### THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

### PART-II

(TO BE FILLED BY THE CONCERNED DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS)

State Serial No. of the Proposal:

7. Location of the Project/ Scheme:

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|-------|---|-----------------|
| (i)   | State/ Union Territory:   | Maharashtra     |
| (ii)  | District:   | Pune            |
| (iii) | Forest Division:  | Pune (T)        |
| (iv)  | Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion (In Ha.):  | 0.105 Ha.       |
| (v)   | Legal status of Forest:   | Reserved Forest |
| (vi)  | Density of vegetation:  | below 0.1       |
| (vii) | Species- wise (Scientific Names) and diameter class- wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 m and FRL-4 m also to be enclosed): |                 |

The proposed land is devoid of trees. Hence, no tree felling is involved.

(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the Forest area to erosion:

The Forest Land proposed for diversion is plain, not vulnerable to erosion on account of its location, topographical & geomorphological features and other climatic factors.

(ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest:

The project is situated partially adjoining to boundary of Reserved Forest along Baramati- Daund Road, within the Right of Way.

(x) Whether forms 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):

No.

(xi) Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? (If so, the details thereof):

No any conspicuous flora and fauna observed or reported so far.

(xii) Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? (If so, details thereof with NOC from the Competent Authority, if required):

No any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area proposed for diversion.

8. Whether the requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project? If no, recommended area item- wise with details of alternative examined:

Yes. As the old pipeline is already in place, the proposal does not involve new & extra land. The requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part I of Form A, is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out? (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work done in violation is still in progress?:

The work involves replacement of existing old & damaged pipeline with new, with enhanced capacity. The whole project with all installed infrastructure and facilities has been transferred by the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran to the Project Proponent i. e. Daund Municipal Council, Daund in recent years.

No work has been carried out by the Project Proponent in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

10. Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:

The project involves replacement of existing old & damaged pipeline with new, with enhanced capacity. No new piece of land is going to be added/ diverted for the purpose of laying new line. No any tree is going to be felled for the purpose of extant proposal. The Forest Land involved in the Project Proposal is less than 1.00 Ha.

In view of above, the Compensatory Afforestation is not to be insisted upon. However, it is proposed that the User Agency shall plant and maintain trees, of species suitable for avenue



plantation, along the road, up to the distance project is extended, as per scheme provided by the Forest Department.

11. Site Inspection Report of the Dy. CF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col. No. 7 (xi & xii), 8 & 9 above:

The Site Inspection Report is annexed hereto as Annexure- I.

12. Division/ District Profile:

(i)	Geographical area of the District:	15,616 Sq.m.
(ii)	Forest Area of the District:	84878 Ha.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with no. of cases:	664.08 Ha. / 72
(iv)	Total compensatory afforestation as on the date:	481.16 Ha.
	(a) Forest Land, including Penal CA:	76.29 Ha.
	(b) Non- forest land:	404.87 Ha.
(v)	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on the date:	81.16 Ha.
	(a) Forest Land:	76.29 Ha.
	(b) Non- forest land:	404.87 Ha.

13. Specific recommendations of the Dy.CF. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons:

The project is undertaken by the Daund Municipal Council, which is duty bound to supply drinking water to the remote villages falling within its jurisdiction.

In present situation, the Council is not able to cope up with the current demand for supply of drinking water because of damaged pipeline and also has concerns for increased demand in near future.

The project is site-specific. There is no alternative to the present alignment. The project is in the larger interest of the people of Daund City. The work is required to be carried out immediately to ensure continuity of drinking water supply to Daund City.

Hence, the proposal submitted by the DMC, Daund is recommended for acceptance.

The Project Proposal is covered under General Approval accorded by the Central Government under Sec. 2 (ii) of the FCA, 1980.

Date: 14/12/2021

Place: Pune

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