

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No			Observations & Remark
1	Name of the Project & location (Range, Round, Beat)		: Diversion of 12.2607 Ha Forest (Mangroves) for Development of a Construction of Balkum to Gaimukh DP Road (NH3 Connector Ghodbunder By- Pass) by Thane Municipal Corporation
			Range Round Beat Village
			Thane Thane Kopari Kharigaon, Balkum, Kolshet, Kavesar, Wadavali, Bhaindarpada & Mogharpada
2	Name of the User Agency	:	Thane Municipal Corporation
3	Date of site inspection	:	25-08-2022
4	Extent (ha) & legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	:	As per Area Statement attached on page no. 81-85
5	a) Detailed of forest land proposed for diversion & activity-wise break-up of forest land	:	As per Area Statement attached on page no. 81-85
	b) Density & Eco-value class	:	Density- 0.1 to 0.4 Below
6	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 part-1 is unavoidable & barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item wise with details of alternative examined.	:	Eco-value Class II 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 from wildlife point of view or not	:	No



	b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora & fauna found in proposed forest land. IF so, the details thereof	:	No rare or endangered or unique species of flora & fauna found in proposed forest land.
	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	Distance From Sanjay Gandhi National Park- 0.490 Km and Thane creek flamingo sanctuary is 6.0 km
y 2	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project	:	NA
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons thereof	:	No
9.	Derails of Vegetation		
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	:	1546
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm.	:	1258
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.	:	288
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	NA
10	Background note on the proposal (Short summary)		Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) has decided to develop and strengthen the linkages and connectivity. The proposed road intends to develop alternative bypass road to Ghodbunder Road. The project road starts at Ghodbunder Road (SH 42) and Ends at NH-3 near Ulhas creek on Mumbai Nashik Highway (NH-3). The link will connect Thane with regional corridors and also provide easy access for vehicles travelling between JNPT, Navi Mumbai, Mumbai, Thane and Bhiwandi that will not have to make a detour via Ghodbunder. It will divert the traffic between Navi Mumbai & Thane from Ghodbunder Road with Thane city to outside the city and will help reduce traffic congestion within the city. The proposed connectivity will be serving as



			connectivity between the major roads of the MMR Region i.e. Ghodbunder Road and National Highway 3 (Mumbai Nashik Highway).
11.	any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a details report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	:	No
12	Whether the proposal involved rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	:	NA
13	Derailed on catchment & culturable common area under the project (if applicable)	:	NA
14	Utility of the project	:	The proposed road intends to develop alternative bypass road to Ghodbunder Road. The project road starts at Ghodbunder Road (SH 42) and Ends at NH-3 near Ulhas creek on Mumbai Nashik Highway (NH-3). It will divert the traffic between Navi Mumbai & Thane from Ghodbunder Road and will help reduce traffic congestion within the city. The proposed connectivity will be serving as connectivity between the roads of the MMR Region i.e. Ghodbunder Road and National Highway 3 (Mumbai Nashik Highway).
	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forest exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	:	No
16	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if req.)	:	No

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	project (Separate note may be attached, if req.)	
17	Details of documents & photographs enclosed.	Photographs enclosed on page no. 530
18	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/DCF/CF)	The project is recommended as it is a public utility project which will help in reducing traffic congestion and help in people's transport.



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Date: 2 /0 /202**3** Place: Mumbai