

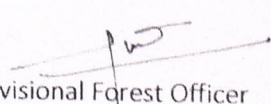
REVISED RECOMMENDATIONFOR PMGSY ROAD MALHAR TO MARHOON (PART-I) PROPOSAL NO: FP/JK/ROAD/47637/2020

The undersigned had earlier recommended that the forest clearance of PMGSY road Malhar to Marhoon Part-I must be reviewed in light of the following points:

1. The irreparable loss of pristine Deodar Forest in Co. 26a/Blr
2. The Fragmentation of Wildlife Habitat
3. Disturbance to hydrology of the area
4. Fragile Soil Profile
5. Improved connectivity via the newly constructed PWD Road in the area and the need for avoidance of construction of the proposed PMGSY road beyond village Malad

Now, since the User Agency has reviewed the case in light of the points mentioned above and have, accordingly, made the necessary corrections in the revised area calculation sheet and have restricted the construction of the said road only upto village Malad (i.e. upto RD 12/975) thereby reducing the forest area to be diverted from 8.328 Ha to 6.938 Ha. The review of the proposal has also ensured the avoidance of 354 mature Deodar trees along with the protection of the Wildlife Habitat from fragmentation in Chew Forest (Co. 26a/Blr). At the same time, the review has also saved the two important natural water sources of the area from destruction.

Therefore, in view of the original proposal having been revised by the User Agency and also keeping in view the larger public interest involved herein, the said road may be granted requisite approval under the provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.


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