



Full title of the Project: Widening and improvement to MDR- 85 Pedgaon Shirapur to Hingani Berdi Road (Chainage Km. 13+500 to Km. 22+025)

File No.: FP/ MH/ROAD/144584/2021

Date of Proposal: 10/07/2021

APPENDIX (SEE RULE 6)

FORM - 'A'

FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 2 (ii) 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 |
| (iv) Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion (In Ha.): | 0.09 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): | |

Felling of trees is not required for the project.

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



The road is already existing. The Forest Land proposed for diversion is 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 road MDR 85 is existing and passes through the Reserved Forest of Shirapur village.

(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 rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna observed or reported so far.

(xii) Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense 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/ defense 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. The project involves widening & strengthening of existing road. Hence, the project is site- specific. The requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part I of Form A is, thus, 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?:



No. Work has not been carried out by the Project Proponent in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

10. Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:

The project is categorized as State Government's Critical Public Utility & Welfare Project. The project involves Forest Land to the extent of 0.09 Ha., which is less than 1.00 Ha. No tree is required to be felled for the purpose of the extant project.

In view of the above fact, the Compensatory Afforestation subject to provision under Para 2.6 (1) (b) & (e) of the Handbook of FCA, 1980 & FCR, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications). Hence, no Compensatory Afforestation is to be insisted upon.

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 with the proposal.

12. Division 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:	481.16 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 MDR- 85 Pedgaon Shirapur to Hingani Berdi Road is already existing. the Government of Maharashtra has approved project of road widening and improvement to MDR- 85 from Chainage Km. 13+500 to Km. 22+025. The road proposed for widening is an important link in the existing road network, linking rural economies with city markets. With increased need for accommodating ever increasing volume of traffic and to ensure safety of human life & property, there is a need for widening of existing width.

Since the proposal involves widening & strengthening of the existing road, the project is "site specific" . The Forest Land proposed for diversion is, hence, unavoidable and barest minimum. The project is categorized as "Critical Public Utility and Welfare Project" . The proposal is, therefore, recommended for acceptance and approval by the Competent Authority.

Date: 15 / 10 / 2022

Place: Pune

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