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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 3.48 ha. forest land under Forest  
(Conservation), 1980 for Gravity Scheme Nanashi Link Cut/  
Canal in Village Nanashi, Tal. Dindori, Dist. Nashik in the  
State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/IRRIG/48480/2020)

No. : Desk-17/Nodal/Nashik /I.D-12913/1594/2021-22  
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated 22/11/2021

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue & Forest Department,  
Mantralya, Mumbai – 400032

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the project is 4.69 ha. The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Division, Nashik is enclosed on page no. 49 to 43.

3.0 Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in three copies.

- 3.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
- 3.2 Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project,
- 3.3 Area Statement,
- 3.4 Index map in suitable scale,

**4.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Division, Nashik has certified that:-**

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- 4.2 the area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is 0.20 (Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests)
- 4.3 there are 21 trees required to be felled. The various species and trees is involved in implementation of the Project the Girth wise break up is as under:-

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- 4.4 the area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc
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- 4.8 the non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996
- 4.9 and proposed compensatory afforestation over 3.48 ha non forest land bearing Survey/ Gut No.13 of Village Holdarnagar, Tehsil, Tryamakeshwar, Dist. Nashik is contiguous; suitable for afforestation and management purpose also it is free from encroachment an encumbrance
- 4.11 the proposed site is considered downstream of proposed site the link cut/canal not function. As the area required for the proposed site is barest minimum the proposed site for the Gravity Diversion Scheme Nanashi Link Cut/Canal, Tal. Dindori, Dist. Nashik is most suitable from Technical, Economical and forest open of view

**5.00 The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that:-**

- 5.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation
- 5.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion



5.3 Copy of the administrative approval accorded by Joint Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Water Resources Department, Resolution No.UGP-0777/748(443)/07/M.P-1, dated 14/07/2008

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5.7 The User Agency has certified that the aforesaid Environmental Clearance is not required as the command area 57.00 ha of the project is less than 2000 ha.

**5.8 Details of Command area:-**

a) Total Catchment area	:-	1.00 Sq.Km
b) Yield at Damsite	:-	1557.60 T.C.M (i.e. 55.00 Mcft)
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**7.00 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions: -**

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**7.3 Compensatory Afforestation :-**

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8.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of India may kindly be moved for approving the proposal for diversion of 3.48 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation), 1980 for Gravity Scheme Nanashi Link Cut/ Canal in Village Nanashi, Tal. Dindori, Dist. Nashik in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 2 copies

 22/7/21

(Naresh Zurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
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Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Nashik for information.

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**PART -IV**

**(To be filled by Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
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(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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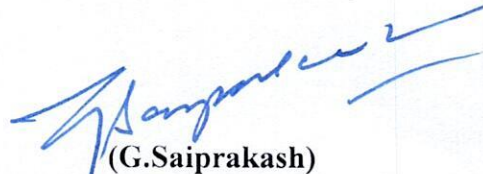
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