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SITE INSPECTION REPORT

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1	Name of the Project and Location (Range, Round, Beat)	Range:- Shirur Round:- Shikrapur Beat:-Karandi																					
2	Name of the User Agency	Shri Milind.S.Barbhai, Executive Engineer PWD East, Division, Pune-411001																					
3	Date of site inspection	<i>15</i> / 09 / 2022																					
4	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	0.967ha. Reserved Forest																					
5	Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 15%;">Name of Component</th><th rowspan="2" style="width: 15%;">Name of Village</th><th colspan="3" style="width: 40%;">Forest Land Required</th><th rowspan="2" style="width: 10%;">Legal Status of Land</th></tr> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">F.S./ Gat No</th><th style="width: 10%;">Comptt No.</th><th style="width: 15%;">Area ha.</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Construction of widening, strengthening, tarring and upgrading</td><td>Koregaonbhim a Tal- Shirur Dist- Pune</td><td>Gat No.673, 674 and Gat No.678.</td><td>303</td><td>0.967</td><td>R.F.</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Total land required for existing road widening</td><td>0.967</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Component	Name of Village	Forest Land Required			Legal Status of Land	F.S./ Gat No	Comptt No.	Area ha.	Construction of widening, strengthening, tarring and upgrading	Koregaonbhim a Tal- Shirur Dist- Pune	Gat No.673, 674 and Gat No.678.	303	0.967	R.F.	Total land required for existing road widening				0.967	
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	Density and Eco-value class.	0.4 Eco-Class-III																					
6	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project If no, recommended are item-wise with details of alternative	:Yes, The required forest land for this purpose is unavoidable and barest minimum. The proposed road to be widened exists in the forest land. Therefore it is not possible to avoid the forest land. It is unavoidable.																					

	examined.	
7	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof;	: No. It is the construction work of existing road widening strengthening, tarring and upgrading which is in the forest land.
8	Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not. Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof. Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km). Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons therefore.	: No , Proposed area for diversion of forest land is not important from wildlife point of view. : No : Approximate -72 Km. : No : No
8	Details of vegetation: Total number of trees to be felled.	: No : No

	<p>Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm.</p> <p>Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60cm,</p> <p>Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.</p>	<p>:No</p> <p>:No.The road exists in forest land. It is Pune-Shirur-Ahmednagar Major State Highway No.5.This road is not new road. Widening, strengthening, tarring and upgrading is the side of existing road.So there are no trees required to be felled as it is a barren track of forest land. Hence question does not arise the effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.</p>
10	Background note on the proposal. (Short summary)	: Attached on page No.45-51.
11	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1880? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	:No, the proposed construction work of existing road widening strengthening, tarring and upgrading in forest land is not started yet. Therefore there is no violation.

12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	: No
13	Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable) State of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	: Not Applicable
14	Utility of the project	: This road is Pune-Shirur-Ahmednagar Major State Highway No.5. It exists in the forest land. This existing road is very old and it is shown on Forest Toposheet surveyed in the year 1890 as well as 1974-75 means this road is used from more than 132 year and above. This road is very important state highway from Pune district to Ahmednagar district. This road carries a large amount of light and heavy vehicles. In the course of time since 1890 the transportation rate over this road seems to be increasing gradually. In this regards the existing road widening of four lanes into six lanes has become the necessity as well as demand of the public. Therefore it is essential to receive the proposed forest land of village Koregaonbhima Tal-Shirur 0.967 ha. for proposed widening the existing road from four lane in to six lane.

15	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/ religious values? Whether any scared grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	: No, the road exists in forest land and is used traditionally on a greater demand. The proposed area is parallel of road and barren land. Hence no old trees as well as tree growth exists in the required area.
16	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	: No
17	Details of documents and photographs enclosed.	: Attached on page No. ----
18	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	<p>The construction of widening, strengthening, tarring and upgrading the existing Pune-Shirur-Ahmednagar Major State Highway No.05 four lane into six lane (PN-163) at village Koregaonbhima Tal-Shirur District-Pune.</p> <p>The Government of Maharashtra has planned to widening, strengthening, tarring and upgrading the existing whole four lane road into six lane. The administrative approval and technical sanction to this road by Government of Maharashtra and sanction 219.70 crore amt for construction of this road.</p>

At the spot of village Koregaonbhima the four lane existing road passes through forest compett No.303 Survey No.673,674 and 678. It is important to widen the existing road in forest land because whole road is widening from four lane to six lane. Hence only not to widen this forest area's existing road is not feasible.

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In this regards with existing road area new

road widening both side, bituminous road 11m wide total 22 m, the shoulders extending from both side by 1.5m total 3m, and gutter extending 1.40m from both side total 2.80m and median 1.20m (The new road with existing road-bituminous road-22m, +shoulder 3m gutter-2.80m, + median 1.20 m total 29m. wide road.) should be widen in 450m. parallel side of existing road which is very important and necessary. The required forest land for proposed road is $450 \text{ m} \times 21.50 = 9675 \text{ Sqm.}$ i.e. 0.967 ha.

The road exists in forest land is ancestral and use on large scale therefore the question does not arise to examine other possible alternatives and it is not possible to avoid the forest land. The required forest area for this purpose is only 0.967 ha. The demanded area is barest minimum and no trees are required to be felled and will not have adverse effect on the ecology of the area. Hence proposal is recommended for sanction.

Place:-Junnar

Dtd. /09/2022


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