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Letter

Subject :- Diversion of 17.01 ha. forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of Shahapur Patgaon Section 1 – (KM 0+000 to KM 20+130) part of NH-3 Shahapur – Murbad – Patgaon – Karjat - Khopoli-NH4 section of newly declared NH-548 A in the state of Maharashtra...

No. Desk-10/FCA/CR-08/ 20-21/OW- /45 / 2020-21.
Thane – 400 603, Dated : 27/07/2020

To,
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer,
Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has submitted the proposal mentioned in the subject vide his letter No. Desk-6(3)/20/Land/539 dated 22.07.2020. Xerox copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. The Project Agency of this project is Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd. Mount Merry, Bandra (West), Mumbai.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India has declared the NH-3 Shahapur – Murbad – Patgaon – Karjat – Khopoli – NH4 section as New National Highway 548A and decided to take up the development of Section – I Shahapur – Patgaon (NH 548A) for augmentation of capacity for safe and efficient movement of traffic by upgrading to Two Lane with paved shoulder configuration based on the traffic demand. Section I (Km. 0+000 to Km. 20+130) Shahapur – Patgaon (NH 548A) passes through Shahapur Forest Division. The said Section is Existing Shahapur – Murbad Road which passes through some Forest Area.

2.00 The Project is owned, developed and maintained by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India and is being executed on its behalf by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC) is the 'implementing agency. MSRDC has envisaged upgradation to Two Lane with paved shoulder configuration based on the traffic demand which involves Forest Land of 17.01 ha.

3.00 As per the guidelines issued in the Part-B, Chapter I, Rule 2.5 (i) of the Forest (Conservation) Rule, 2003 issued by the Govt. of India vide letter no. F. No. 5-2/2017-FC, dated 28/03/2019, as the proposal for diversion of linear for widening or expansion of Road relates MoRTH, GOI and is being executed on its behalf by the MSRDC.

4.00 The details of required division-wise forest area are as below.

Sr. No.	Village	Gut No.	Survey No.	Area in Ha.	Legal Status
1	Kambare	328	103/1	0.065	Restored Private Forest
				0.065	Restored Private Forest
TOTAL				0.130	
2	Khutghar	137	116	0.210	Protected Forest
		143	116	0.090	Protected Forest
		142	116	0.079	Protected Forest
		149	117	0.812	Protected Forest
		125	118	0.442	Protected Forest
		54pt.	21	0.073	Restored Private Forest
				0.073	Restored Private Forest
		55pt.	21	0.047	Restored Private Forest
				0.126	Restored Private Forest
		56	21	0.043	Restored Private Forest
		57	21	0.036	Restored Private Forest
		53	17	0.145	Restored Private Forest
TOTAL				2.175	
3	Nadgaon	-	237	0.217	Restored Private Forest
		-		0.600	
		-	254	0.438	Protected Forest
		-	291	0.130	Protected Forest
		-	345	0.450	Reserved Forest
		-		0.986	
TOTAL				2.821	
4	Lenad Khurd	-	108	0.570	Reserved Forest
		-	104	0.008	Reserved Forest
		-	3	0.275	Protected Forest
		-	4	0.449	Protected Forest
		-	38	0.390	Restored Private Forest
TOTAL				1.692	
5	Shendrun	34	158	0.884	Protected Forest
				0.285	
		35	158	0.270	Protected Forest
		71	160	0.362	Protected Forest
				0.180	
TOTAL				1.981	

6	Thile	269	85	0.015	Protected Forest
		3pt.	1/8, 1/3	0.080	Restored Private Forest
		3pt.	1/8, 1/3	0.025	Restored Private Forest
		111	21/1	0.050	Protected Forest
		173	101	0.704	Reserved Forest
		174	100	0.990	Protected Forest
TOTAL				1.864	
7	Kalgaon	225	100	1.386	Protected Forest
		530	77	0.018	Protected Forest
		535	851	0.015	Reserved Forest
TOTAL				1.419	
8	Dahivali	232	180	0.429	Reserved Forest
				0.495	Reserved Forest
		439	143/2	0.121	Protected Forest
				0.066	Protected Forest
		450	173	0.360	Protected Forest
				0.902	Protected Forest
		492	174/A	0.225	Protected Forest
				0.225	Protected Forest
		544	177	0.264	Protected Forest
		523	103/2/1, 103/2/2, 140/2, 163/4/2	0.080	Restored Private Forest
				0.080	Restored Private Forest
		524	163/4/1	0.050	Restored Private Forest
				0.050	Restored Private Forest
		586	182	1.298	Reserved Forest
			175	0.283	Protected Forest
TOTAL				4.928	
GRAND TOTAL				17.010	

5.00 The Project Authority has given undertaking to pay the total cost of Net Present Value as directed by the Govt. of India. The Project Authority has submitted necessary Certificates/ Undertakings and Maps which are enclosed in the proposal.

6.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and its guidelines under the Act have been violated by the Project Authority. Report regarding the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and violation note are attached in the proposal.

MSRDC has started the work in forest area assuming the existing ROW of the said road. The Forest offence case was booked. The work started in the forest area is stopped by forest department.

7.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has proposed degraded forest land of Protected Forest land in Survey No.57, 69, (area 20.00 ha.) at Village Ras & Protected Forest land in Survey No. 36/1 (Old 684), (area 14.02 ha.) at Village Kukambe made available for

Compensatory Afforestation is contiguous in itself, and certified that same is suitable for afforestation and management purpose also and it is free from encroachment and encumbrances. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has also submitted the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme as per Model Rate Structure for CA Model No. 6 under the guidelines, which is enclosed in the proposal.

- 8.00 The Project Authority has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation cost at the prevailing wage rate.
- 9.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the proposed project is not likely to affect any monuments, site of culture, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 10.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the proposed project area under the project does not included in the Identified forest.
- 11.00 The area involved in this proposal does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve, etc.
- 12.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the 6.818 ha. area within 10 km. of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and remaining 10.192 ha. area are outside 10 km. of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and will not have any adverse effect on the Wildlife within any Sanctuary / National Park. Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 3.09 km. away from the project boundary.
- 13.00 The project involves felling of 2586 trees in the area falling in diversion. Girth wise trees are as under break up and felling estimate enclosed in the proposal.

Below 30 cms	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
48	637	965	336	392	75	63

121-150	151-180	181-200	201-250	251-300	Above 300	Total
33	15	8	10	4	0	2586

- 14.00 The Project Authority has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of tree felling at the prevailing wage rate.
- 15.00 The Project Authority has not submitted the FRA – 2006 Certificate from Collector Thane. Regarding to this, the necessary undertaking is submitted and the same enclosed in the proposal by Project Authority.
- 16.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the proposed project is located on existing alignment of the (National Highway) NH-548 'A' in Shahapur Forest Division. Up-gradation existing road from 2 length with unpaved shoulders to lane configuration with paved shoulders to be constructed no need to examine the alternate route for this purpose.

- 17.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has carried out site inspection on dated 26.06.2020. Site Inspection Reports enclosed in the proposal.
- 18.00 As per the recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur this project is essential for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of Shahapur Patgaon Section 1 – (KM 0+000 to KM 20+130) part of NH-3 Shahapur - Murbad – Patgaon – Karjat - Khopoli-NH4 section of newly declared NH-548 A, in the State of Maharashtra is for infrastructure development and in larger public interest and which required 17.01 ha. forest land in Shahapur Division of Thane Circle. The proposal is recommended for acceptance and necessary approval u/s.2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 19.00 Three sets of proposal are enclosed herewith with all required documents for further necessary action. Proposal is submitted online vide No. FP/MH/ROAD/39684/2019.



(Naresh Zurmure)

Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane

Encl. :- as above.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests Shahapur for information & necessary action.


✓ Copy to Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd. Mount Merry, Bandra (West), Mumbai for information & necessary action.

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PART - III

(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

1.	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection and observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	No, since the forest area required for the project is less than 40 ha. So Inspection was not done by Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
2.	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	Agreed with the recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur.
3.	Specific recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	This project is for infrastructure development and in larger public interest and which required 17.01 ha. forest land in Shahapur Division of Thane Circle. As per the recommendations of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur, the proposal is being recommended for approval.


(Naresh Zurmure)
 Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
 Thane

Date : 27.07.2020

Place : Thane