

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items		Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)		Diversion of 111.7321 Ha. (14.2359 ha. in Alibag Forest Division) Forest land for construction of Vododara Mumbai Expressway (Phase-II SPUR) from km 0+000 to km 79.783 km in the state of Maharashtra
	Location i)	Division	: Alibag Forest Division.
	ii)	Range	: Panvel
	iii)	Round	Panvel
	iv)	S.No.	: As per area statement.
2.	Name of the User Agency		: Project Director, PIU Thane, National Highways Authority of India, Thane
3.	Date of site inspection		: 22/04/2022
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion		: 14.2359 ha. Reserve Forest, Protected Forest, Private Forest
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land		: Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No.
	b) Density of the forest		: The density is 0.2
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 area item-wise with details of alternative examined		: Yes.
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof		: No.
8.	a.	Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important for wildlife point of view or not	: No.
	b.	Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	: Nil.

	c.	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	Distance from the nearest boundary of protected area i.e. Karnala Bird Sanctuary is more than 15 KM and this project is passing through Eco-Sensitive Area of Matheran.
	d.	Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	:	This project is passing through Eco-Sensitive Area of Matheran, therefore as per notification of the Matheran Eco-Sensitive Area the permission of Matheran Monitoring Committee and NBWL is required.
	e.	Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If, yes, reason therefore	:	No.
9.		Details of vegetation		
	a.	Total number of trees to be felled:	:	362
	b.	Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	:	261
	c.	Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	:	101
	d.	Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	Nil
10.		Background note on the proposal (short summary)	:	Project summary attached on Page No.
11.		Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached	:	No violation notice.
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 catchments and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	:	Nil
		Status of catchments area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	:	Nil
14.		Utility of the Project	:	This project is for diversion of 14.2359 Ha. of forest area. This project is of infrastructure development and public utility purpose, for construction of Vadodara –Mumbai expressway.

15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion	: No.
16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	: No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	: Photographs enclosed on Page No.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	: This project is for construction of Vododara Mumbai Expressway (Phase-II SPUR) from km 0+000 to km 79.783 km. This project is infrastructure project and public utility project as well as it is a national interest project. Project proponent is ready to bear all the Government levies hence the proposal is being recommended for approval for diverting the required forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Date : 25/04/2022.

Place : Alibag

(ASHISH THAKARE IFS)
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Alibag.

Site Inspection Note

The undersigned has inspected the proposed site on dated 22/04/2022, which is proposed for construction of Vododara - Mumbai Expressway (Phase-II SPUR) from km 0+000 to km 79.783 km. This project involves 14.2359 Ha. Forest Land from Alibag Forest Division. When the undersigned visited the site, the project proponent indicated the required land from village Wagani Tarf Talaoje, Karambeli and Shiravali of Taluka Panvel.

No work has been started, hence violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not seen. From the site inspection it appear that prima facia there was no soil disturbance and there is 362 numbers of trees are required to be felled.

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PROJECT NOTE

The under signed has inspected the proposed site on date 22/04/2022, which is proposed for construction of Vododara Mumbai Expressway (Phase-II SPUR) from km 0+000 to km 79.783 km includes diversion of 14.2359 Ha. Forest Land from Alibag Forest Division i.e. from taluka Panvel of District Raigad. When the undersigned visited the site, the project proponent indicated the required land from village Wagani Tarf Talaoje, Karambeli and Shiravali of Taluka Panvel.

The user agency has not started any work on proposed forest land.

This proposal for construction of Vododara Mumbai Expressway (Phase-II SPUR) from km 0+000 to km 79.783 km. This project is is Government of India's project, therefore the compensatory non-forest land is not required. Hence, compensatory afforestation is proposed on double degraded forest land. This degraded forest land for compensatory afforestation is identified in Shahapur forest division. The project authority is willing to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation and all Government levies as required by the Government.

Therefore, this proposal has been recommended for diversion of 14.2359 ha. forest land from Alibag Forest Division, for non-forest purposes.

Date 22/04/2022.

Place : Alibag


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