

[PROPOSAL NO. : FP/MH/ROAD/39684/2019] Proposal for diversion of 17.01 Ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of Section – I – Shahpur Patgaon (KM 0+000 to KM 20+130) under Shahapur Forest Division part of NH-3 Shahpur - Murbad – Mhasa – Karjat - Khopoli-NH4 section of newly declared NH-548 A in the state of Maharashtra on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Basis Contract”

Site Inspection Report

Prescribed by PCCF (HoFF) No. Desk-17-4/1445, Dated 05/11/2015.

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1	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	Proposal for diversion of 17.01 Ha. Forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of Section – I – Shahpur Patgaon (KM 0+000 to KM 20+130) under Shahapur Forest Division part of NH-3 Shahpur - Murbad – Mhasa – Karjat - Khopoli-NH4 section of newly declared NH-548 A <table><tr><th>Range</th><th>Round</th><th>Beat</th><th>Village</th></tr><tr><td>Dhasai</td><td>Dhasai</td><td></td><td>Sapgaon Khutghar</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Nadgaon</td><td></td><td>Nadgaon Lenad Khurd Shendrun</td></tr><tr><td>Shahapur</td><td>Atgaon</td><td></td><td>Kambare</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Dahivali</td><td></td><td>Thile Kalgaon Dahivali</td></tr></table>	Range	Round	Beat	Village	Dhasai	Dhasai		Sapgaon Khutghar		Nadgaon		Nadgaon Lenad Khurd Shendrun	Shahapur	Atgaon		Kambare		Dahivali		Thile Kalgaon Dahivali
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2	Name of the User Agency	Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd, Bandra, Mumbai.																				
3	Date of site inspection	26 / 06 / 2020																				
4	Extend (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	Reserved Forest : 4.955 Ha. Protected Forest : 9.811 Ha. <u>Restored Private Forest:</u> 2.244 Ha. <u>Total : 17.010 Ha.</u>																				
5	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity wise breakup of forest land	As per Area statement enclosed in the proposal.																				
	b) Density and Eco-value class	Eco-Value Class – I Density – 0.3 to 0.4																				
6	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User agency in col.2 of Part-1 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 from wildlife point of view or not.	No.																				

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	b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	No rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land.
	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	3.09 Km. & above
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project	Out of the total Proposed project area 17.01 ha., the villages Kambare, Khutghar, Nadgaon and Lenad Khurd of Taluka Shahapur Dist. Thane are within 10 kms. From the boundary of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and villages Shendrun, Thile, Kalgaon and Dahivali of taluka Shahapur Dist. Thane, are beyond 10 kms. from the boundary of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. The said project being a up-gradation of existing road will not have any adverse effect on the wildlife within National Park/ Sanctuary.
	e) whether wildlife mitigation plan is required ? If yes, reasons there for:	No.
9	Details of Vegetation	
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	2586 Trees
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm	1650 Trees
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm	936 Trees
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	Normal erosion
10	Background note on the proposal (short summary)	NH-3 Shahpur - Murbad – Mhasa – Karjat - Khopoli-NH4 section has been newly declared as National Highway 548-A by Government of India. The ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), GOI has decided to take up the development of Section – I – Shahapur Patgaon NH 548A in the state of Maharashtra 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.
11	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (conservation) Act 1980 ? If yes a detailed report on violation	Yes, Work has been started in Forest area and hence violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and its guidelines is committed. The detail Violation Report is enclosed.
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	The proposal doesn't involve any rehabilitation, hence no rehabilitation plan required.

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13	Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable) Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	Not Applicable.
14	Utility of the project	National Highway projects are mainly set up to make the transportation facility for the socio economic development in domestic, industrial and agriculture field.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious values? Whether any scared grove or very old growth trees/ forests exist in the area proposed for diversion?	No.
16	Any other important information related to the project (separate note may be attached , if required)	Fast and safe road traffic movement in reduced time is an added advantage.
17	Details of documents and photographs enclosed	Photographs are enclosed in the proposal.
18	Recommendations of the inspecting officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	NH-3 Shahpur - Murbad – Mhasa – Karjat - Khopoli-NH4 section has been newly declared as National Highway 548-A by Government of India. The ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), GOI has decided to take up the development of Section – I – Shahpur Patgaon NH 548A in the state of Maharashtra 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. This will reduce time and cost of travel for public. Moreover only 17.01 Ha. Forest area is diverted with no significant impact on existing flora and fauna so this proposal is recommended for acceptance and necessary approval in favour of the user agency.

Date: 16 JUL 2020

Place : Shahapur



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