

PART -IV**Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)**

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) MS Nagpur is attached on page no. 7A,

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**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.**

Date:

Place: Nagpur

Construction of road & minor bridge on Poladpur Mahabaleshwar Panchgani Wai Road to Petrit Venna Lake

Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State (Head of Forest Force) with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.

- 1) The proposal is for diversion of 0.51 ha of reserved forest land for construction of road & minor bridge on Poladpur-Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani-Wai Road (SH-139) to Petrit Venna Lake (VR-137) in Satara district. The details of land proposed for diversion is as under.

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The project has been initiated by Executive Engineer, Public Works (West) Division, Satara for construction of road & minor bridge on Poladpur-Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani-Wai Road (SH-139) to Petrit Venna Lake (VR-137). Project is approved by Government of Maharashtra, Public Work Division vide resolution no. PLN-2013/CR (180)/NI-3 dated 11/07/2013.

This proposed road of approx. 300Mts. length is the missing part of road & bridge on Poladpur-Mahabaleshwar Panchgani-Wai road S.H. 139 at km. and end point Ch. 00/500 to petrit Venna lake (diversion road) V.R. 137 The starting pt. Ch. 00/200 km and end point Ch. 00/500 Km. of this proposed alignment lies in the same village kshetramahabaleshwar and this missing link extends up to Mahabaleshwar tahsil boundary at petrit Venna lake (diversion road) and connects to existing part of this road passing through village Khetramahabaleshwar. is also a big market place. Also Mahabaleshwar Tahsil is a big market place with all medical and educational facilities. Hence major part of the district public rely on Mahabaleshwar tahsil for availing all said facilities and employment opportunities in terms of milk, fruit, vegetables, horticulture related businesses. But other adjoining Tahsil place like Poladpur, Wai Mahabaleshwar, Dahiwadi, etc. with inadequate facilities of said nature are geographically connected to Mahabaleshwar with shortest aerial distance but there is no as such short cut route in reaching Mahabaleshwar from the said tahasil regions. Under such circumstances, public from said tahsil regions had to travel distant inconvenient route of approx. 60 km. But this beneficial proposed alignment involves forest land approx. 0.51ha. with least vegetation of inferior injaili most.

- 2) The Collector, Satara & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara have stated that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.

In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions-

- i. The legal status of the land required will remain unchanged.
- ii. Compensatory afforestation will be raised at the cost of the User Agency on 1.00 ha degraded forest land made available by the Forest Department
- iii. The forest land shall not be used for any purposes other than specified in the project.
- iv. The User Agency will defray the cost of Net Present Value of 0.51 Ha. of forest land as per the latest guideline of Government of India.
- v. The User Agency will defray the additional revised cost of Net Present Value of forest land as per the latest Guideline of Government of India.
- vi. Any other conditions stipulated by Government at the time of submission of the proposal will be binding to User Agency.
- vii. The User Agency will defray the cost of felling of 45 trees in the area. However, only the required and minimum number of trees will be felled.
- viii. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance before formal approval, if required.
- ix. The road will be allowed to be used by forest department and public.
- x. Provisions of all Acts, Rules made thereunder and guidelines applicable to the project shall have to be strictly followed.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Sub. :- Diversion of 0.51 ha Reserved Forest land for construction of road & minor bridge on Poladpur-Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani-Wai Road SH 139 at KM 43/380 to Petrit Venna Lake (VR 137) in Satara district.

No. : Desk-17/NC/II/I.D. 12456/(24)/ 1015 /16-17
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated : **01/09/2016**

To

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,
Nagpur 440001.

Sir,

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It is therefore requested that the Government of India may kindly be moved to approve diversion of 0.51 ha Reserved Forest land for construction of road & minor bridge on Poladpur-Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani-Wai Road (SH 139) to Petrit Venna Lake (VR 137) in Satara district under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- As above

Yours faithfully,



**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur**

Copy to Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forests Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai for information along with a copy of the proposal.

Copy to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur for information.

Copy to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara for information.

Copy to Executive Engineer, Public Works (West) Division, Satara for information.