

PART -IV

(To be filled by 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) Maharashtra State, Nagpur is attached on page no. 52



(Naresh Zurmure)

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Date: 27/09 /2022

Place: Nagpur

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(HEAD OF FOREST FORCE), MAHARASHTRA STATE**

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No. Desk-17/2/Nodal/ID-12674/1607 /2022-23

Nagpur – 440 001, Date : 27/09/2022

To,

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Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya Mumbai-32

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Ref:- Conservator of Forests, (T) Gadchiroli letter NO.Desk-2(8)/land/C.R.204/2020/698
Dt.30 /09/2021& 849, Dt. 20/09/2022

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3.00 The proposed forest land to be used by Police Department of Government of Maharashtra is public interest.

4.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragad Forest Division, Allapalli has certified that :

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4.2 The area belongs to Eco - value class - III and having density is 0.4. **PPNo.39, 59 & 61**

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| Tree Girth in Cm. | | | | | | | | | |
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| 00 | 00 | 00 | 04 | 05 | 07 | 16 | 35 | 36 | 103 |

4.4 The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc. **PPNo.46**

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5.00 The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that:-

5.1 To defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion. **PPNo.16**

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- 7.0 The provision for General approval under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been dealt in Chapter 4.4 of the Government of India guidelines Dt. 28/03/2019. Para 4.4 of the said guidelines deals with public infrastructures in Left Wing Extreme affected districts, wherein following 14 categories of public infrastructure have been mentioned
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- 7.4 The KML File CD of proposed CA land is enclosed and placed in file at top.
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In view of the above, it is requested that the Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for approval under section-2 (ii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, at the earliest.

Encl:- As above 2 Copies

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy for Information.:- 1. The Deputy Director General (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001. **(Along With 1 Copies of Proposal)**

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

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