**Full title of the Project**: Diversion of Forest Land for establishing/ construction of Crematorium for Village Pilanwadi, Tehsil Daund, District Pune

File No.: FP/ MH/Others/152690/2022

Date of Proposal: 22/02/2022

# APPENDIX(SEE RULE 6)

# FORM -'A'

FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 2 (ii) OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980

# THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

#### PART-III

(TO BE FILLED BY THE CONCERNED DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS)
State Serial No. of the Proposal:

### Location of the Project/ Scheme:

(i) State/ Union Territory: Maharashtra

(ii) District: Pune

(iii) Forest Division: Pune

(iv) Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion (In Ha.): 0.1499 Ha.

(v) Legal status of Forest: RF

(vi) Density of vegetation: 0.1

(vii) Species- wise (Scientific Names) and diameter class- wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 m and FRL-4 m also to be enclosed):

There are 28 trees required for felling is involved.

(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the Forest area to erosion:

The Forest Land proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to erosion on account of its location, topographical & geo-morphological features and other climatic factors. And no vegetation is required to be cleared off for the project.

- (ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest:

  The project is located within the Reserved Forest having S. No. 331/ G. No. 72/
  Compt. No 305A of village Pilanwadi, Tehsil Daund of Pune District.
- Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.? (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed):

No.

(xi) Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? (If so, the details thereof):

No any conspicuous flora and fauna observed or reported so far.

(xii) Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? (If so, details thereof with NOC from the Competent Authority, if required):

No protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area proposed for diversion.

8. Whether the requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project? If no, recommended area itemwise with details of alternative examined:

Yes. The requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part I of Form A, is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out? (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work done in violation is still in progress?

No. Work has not been carried out by the Project Proponent in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

10. <u>Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme</u>:

The project involves Forest Land to the extent of 0.1499 Ha., which is less than 1.00 Ha. No tree is required to be felled for the purpose of the extant project.

In view of the above fact and subject to provision under Para 2.6 (1) (b) & (e) of the Handbook of FCA, 1980 & FCR, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications), no Compensatory Afforestation is to be insisted upon.

# Site Inspection Report of the Dy. CF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col. No. 7 (xi & xii), 8 & 9 above:

The Site Inspection Report is annexed herewith this Part II of the proposal.

#### Division Profile: 12.

Pune Forest Division:

Geographical area of the district: (i)

15,616 Sq.m.

Forest Area of the District: (ii)

84878 Ha.

664.08 Ha./ 72 Total forest area diverted since 1980 with no. of cases: (iii)

Total compensatory afforestation as on the date: 481.16 Ha. (iv)

(a) Forest Land, including Penal CA: 76.29 Ha.

(b) Non- forest land:

404.87 Ha.

Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on the date: 481.16 Ha. (v)

76.29 Ha. (a) Forest Land:

404.87 Ha. (b) Non- forest land:

#### Specific recommendations of the Dy.CF. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with 13. reasons:

The village Pilanwadi is still devoid of a Crematorium. The people have to take dead bodies for cremation to adjoining villages which are reasonably away from the Pilanwadi.

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The project is essentially a Community Service Project and indispensably associated with socio-cultural beliefs & rituals of the local folk and is a service to humanity.

The proposed land is the better alternative and suitable for construction of Crematorium and extent of land is assessed to be minimum for the project. Further, 28 tree felling is required for construction work.

The project is vital for satisfying the basic need of the people of Pilanwadi Village. The project will serve the basic need of villagers of Pilanwadi.Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance.

Date: 14/02/2023

Place: Pune

Office Seal:

Rahul Patil, IFS

Dy. Conservator of Forests

Pune Forest Division Pune