

**Full title of the Project:** Construction of Link Road between two Defence Complexes (ARDE Pune, DRDO).

File No.: FP/ MH/ROAD/144314/2021

Date of Proposal: 02/07/2021

## Annexure

### SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items	Observations and Remarks
1	Name of the Project and location	Construction of Link Road between two Defence Complexes (ARDE Pune, DRDO)
2	Name of the User Agency	ARDE, DRDO, Pune
3	Date of Site Inspection	31 / 08 /2021
4	Extent (in Ha) and legal status of the Forest Land proposed for diversion	0.4620 Ha. Reserved Forest land falling within jurisdiction of Pune Forest Range of Pune Forest Division, Maharashtra State.
5	a. Details of Forest Land proposed for diversion and activity wise break-up of Forest Land  b. Density-wise Eco-Value Class	Area Statement is appended hereto as Appendix-I.  Required Forest Land: 0.4620 Ha.  Eco-Value Class- III, Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest (OF)  Density: _____
6	Whether the requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No 2 of Part- I is unavoidable and the barest minimum for the project? If no, recommended area	Yes. The requirement of Forest Land is unavoidable and restricted to barest minimum.

	item-wise with details with alternatives examined	
7	Whether the area involves construction of building (Including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof.	No.
8	<p>a. Whether the Forest Area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.</p> <p>b. Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed Forest Land. If so, details thereof.</p> <p>c. Areal distance from nearest boundary of protected area (km)</p> <p>d. Remark about sensitivity of the Forest Area likely to be affected due to the project</p> <p>e. Whether Wildlife Mitigation Plan is required? If yes, reason thereof</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>No any conspicuous flora and fauna observed or reported so far.</p> <p>Beyond 10 Kms.</p> <p>Insensitive. Forest Area is unlikely to be affected by the project.</p> <p>No.</p>
9	Details of vegetation:	



	<p>a. Total no. of trees to be felled</p> <p>b. No. of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm.</p> <p>c. No. of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.</p> <p>d. Effect of removal of trees on general ecosystem in the area</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Not applicable in view of Clause 'a' above.</p>
10	Background Note on the proposal (Short summary)	<p>The Armament R &amp; D Establishment (ARDE), DRDO, Pashan, Pune is a premier establishment in DRDO and the ARDE Laboratory is functioning in Pashan Pune since last 60 years.</p> <p>This establishment has developed several stores and services, spread over in different complexes in Kothrud and Pashan area of Pune. The charter of duties and sphere of activities have been increased manifold.</p> <p>The ARDE has already acquired land admeasuring 47.25 ha in Survey No. 103,104 and 105 Kothrud Pune. The civilian population around these complexes is increasing day by day, still some restricted activities are being permitted in the subject land in Kothrud. At present the access to the ARDE Kothrud land is from Pashan through Chandni Chowk which is about 10 Km by road. The time required to reach this land is approximately 40-45 minutes.</p> <p>The transportation of High Explosives, rejected explosives/stores and Secret Stores to the site in Survey No.103-105 for trials/burning is strongly not recommended via Pashan-Chandni Chowk route. The risk and security of the task could not be compromised. The Sy no 103,104 &amp; 105 of Kothrud needs to be connected to Sy no.53 &amp; 54 of Pashan through Sy.no.102 of Kothrud, which is a Forest Land.</p>



		In view of above, it is utmost necessary for this establishment to have direct approach/ link between its two complexes in Kothrud and Pashan. The proposed Link Road would not only ensure the communication and security needs of this organization but also help the general civilian population by removing the inconvenience caused to them because of transportation activities of Arms, Ammunition and explosives of the ARDE through public roads.
11	Whether the proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, detailed report on violation, including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached	No work has been carried out in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons? If yes, whether the Rehabilitation Plan has been approved by the State Government?	No
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	The ARDE will have direct approach/ link between its two complexes in Kothrud and Pashan. The proposed Link Road would not only ensure the communication and security needs of this organization but also help the general civilian population by removing the inconvenience caused to them because of transportation activities of Arms,

		Ammunition and explosives of the ARDE through public roads.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious value? Whether any sacred grove or very old grown trees/ forest exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No
16	Any other important information related to the project (separate note may be attached, if required)	Its Defence related project.
17	Details of documents and photographs attached	Annexed hereto as below: 1. Photographs of Site Inspection (Appendix- II) 2. Notification of Reserved Forests (Appendix- III)
18	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	The project is very important for ARDE, DRDO, Pune from security point of view. Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance.

Date: 9/10/2024

Place: Pune



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