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No.: Desk-17/FCA-S1/PIC-114977/1361/PUNE Nagpur – 440 001, Dated :- 01/08/2023

To, The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai -32

The Executive Engineer, MSRDC, Pune has submitted proposal for diversion of 17.8980 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Pune Ring Road Eastern (PRRW) 38/340 Km start to Urse to Solu of Pune District passing through Dhanore, Charholi, Solu, Indori, Vadgaon, Tal. Khed, Maval, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: - (P/20 to 32)

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2		7	Vadgaon		122	102.90 x 95.51	0.9828	
			(A)Total Area in Pune Forest Division					
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4	Pune District passing through		Charholi		553	558.92 x 92.29	5.1585	Forest
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- 3.00 Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3,dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in two copies.
 - 3.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
 - 3.2 Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project,
 - 3.3 Area Statement,
 - 3.4 Index map in suitable scale

4.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Junnar Forest Division have has certified that:-

- 4.1 The copy of the Administrative and Technical approval accorded by the Government of Maharashtra, Public Works Division order No. Khakshes-2021/C.R.247/(Part-4)/Road-8, dated 06/09/2021 is enclosed on file page No.28
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- 2.00 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2
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- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 17.8980 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
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- 3.0 It is therefore, requested that Government of Maharashtra may kindly recommended the proposal for approving the diversion of 17.8980 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Pune Ring Road Eastern (PRRW) 38/340 Km start to Urse to Solu of Pune District passing through Dhanore, Charholi, Solu, Indori, Vadgaon, Tal. Khed, Maval, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl.:- Proposal 2 copies

(Naresh Zurmure)
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Pune for information.

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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.

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(Dr. Y.L.P Rao)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)

Maharashtra State, Nagpur