

INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items	Observation and Remarks
1	Name of the Project and Location (Range, Round, Beat)	Forest land Required for Mahapratap Ropeway Mahabaleshwar to Pratapgad. Range - Mahabaleshwar Round-Mahabaleshwar, Kumbharoshi Beat-Mahabaleshwar, Haroshi, Kumbharoshi.
2	Name of the User Agency	Chief Executive Officer SAIO INFRA, Kolhapur
3	Date of Site Inspection	16/06/2021
4	Extent (Ha.) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	Area -3.7835 ha. Status - Reserved Forest.
5	A) Details of forest and proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land.	

Sr.No	Village Name	Forest Land Required				Area	Legal Status
		Name of Work	S. No.	Compartment No	Length x Width (m)	Ha.	
1	Malkhampeth	UTS	206	78	60X18	0.108	Reserved Forest
2	Malkhampeth, Kumbharoshi, Haroshi	Towers-14	206,20,40,41,49,23,80	78,101,96	10X10	0.140	
3	Malkhampeth, Kumbharoshi, Haroshi, Jaoli	Ropeway corridor	206,20,40,41,49,23,80	78,101,96	3307X10	3.307	
4	Kumbharoshi	LTS	49	96	30X60	0.18	
5	Kumbharoshi	Approach road	49	96	48.5X10	0.0485	
Total						3.7835	

b) Density and Eco-value class	Above 0.6 Very Dense Forest, Eco-Class III
6 Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part - I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with	Yes

	details of alternative examined.	
7	Whether the proposal involves, any construction of building (Including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof.	No
8	<p>a) Whether 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, the details there of.</p> <p>c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any protected Area (KM)</p> <p>d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.</p> <p>e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons thereof.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Density ranges between 0.6 to 0.8 No, unique species of flora and fauna is found in the project area.</p> <p>Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary i.e. Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is 18.98 km away from this project.</p> <p>Proposed project Mahapratap Ropeway Mahabaleshwar to Pratapgad is arial project, so there is minimum effect of project on forest area.</p> <p>Not Applicable</p>
9	<p>Details of Vegetation :</p> <p>a) Total number of trees to be felled.</p> <p>b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 CM.</p> <p>c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 CM.</p> <p>d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.</p>	<p>187</p> <p>159</p> <p>28</p> <p>Nil</p>
10	Background note on the proposal (Short Summary)	<p>Mahabaleshwar is most popular tourist destination and hill station in Maharashtra. Around 15 lakh tourists visit Mahabaleshwar each year.</p> <p>Pratapgad fort is a mountain fort built by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The fort Pratapgad and Jawali basin (valley surrounding pratapgad) are the place of</p>

immense importance being witnessed historical landmark battle between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj & Afzal Khan. The Bhavani Temple, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue, Afzal Khan tomb are the places of interest. Heritage & nature lovers can spend hours together exploring this splendid place surrounded by luxuriant greenery. Visitors can also enjoy spectacular view of wide konkan coast.

Such a luring place is just 24 K.M. away from popular tourist destination Mahabaleshwar, but main constrain is that it took more than one hour to reach Pratapgad from Mahabaleshwar being total ghat section & narrow road. Also there is insufficient place for vehical parking at Pratapgad. At present around 5 lack visitors visit Pratapgad every year.

This cable car project offers best solution the areal distance is only 6 K.M. from Mahabaleshwar. Which will save time, enhance tourism at Pratapgad, so need to widen road between Pratapgad & Mahabaleshwar will help to reduce carbon emission & vehicles traffic also this will be the exciting & memorable experience to the tourists visiting Mahabaleshwar & Pratapgad. Project will help in generating direct & indirect employment. So the project is recommended.

11 Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980? If yes a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.

No

12 Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?

No

13	Details on catchment and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable). Status of catchment area treatment plant to prevent siltation of reservoir (If applicable)	Not Applicable
14	Utility of the Project	Due to project truism in and around Mahabaleshwar region will increase and opportunity of employment in this area will be generated.
15	Whether land being diverted has any Socio-Cultural/Religious values? Whether any scared grove or very old growth trees/forests exists in the areas proposed for diversion?	No
16	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, If required)	--
17	Details of documents and photographs enclosed.	--
18	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	Project is recommended

Place: Satara

Date -16/06/2021



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