



# ठाणे महानगरपालिका

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THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THANE

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To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Mumbai Mangroves Conservation Unit,  
68/B, Kamgar Nagar,  
Kurla (E), Mumbai - 400 068.

**Subject:** Compliance of the shortcoming in the Forest Diversion Proposal for the Balkum-Gaikmukh Road Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC).

**Forest Diversion Proposal No :**FP/MH/ROAD/148050/2021

**Reference:** Regional Empowered Committee (REC) meeting Agenda for 102<sup>th</sup> held on 27.04.2023 at integrated regional office, Nagpur.

1. F.No.FC-II/MH-213/2023-NGP-11639 Date: 29.05.2023.

Dear Sir,

Thane Municipal Corporation have submitted the Forest Diversion proposal for area of 12.2607 hector, for development of the approved DP road from Balkum to Gaimukh ("Project") in the Jurisdiction of the Thane Municipal Corporation ("TMC"). The Proposal was recommended by the state government to the MoEFCC for grant of the diversion under section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act 1980 ("FCA"). The proposal was discussed in the 102<sup>th</sup> Regional Empowered Committee (REC) meeting held on 27.04.2023 at Integrated Regional office of MoEF& CC Nagpur. .

With reference to above referred letter, TMC herewith submitting the compliance of the same as follows.

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Sr. No	Clarification Sought	Reply
1	The User Agency in consultation with the DCF concern shall explore the possibility of shifting alignment further towards the main land at chainage 750.	<p>The project alignment is approved alignment of the Development plan of TMC. The Development plan is approved after post consultation of the various departments and public consultation. TMC have taken all efforts for the minimum impact on the mangroves and alignment was shifted from mangroves area, under guidance of the Ex-Environment Principal Secretary and then MMRDA Commissioner.</p> <p>With respect to possibility of again shifting of alignment further towards the main land at chainage 750 is not possible for the reason as below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The main intention of the proposed road is diverting the heavy goods traffic from the ghodbunder road heading towards the Nasik and JNPT. The chainage 750 come at the creek edge of kharegoan. The proposed road is ending at kharegaon Toll which is junction of JNPT and trough traffic for Nashik. Hence technically the integration is possible only with existing road at kharegoan toll Naka which is closed to the creek and hence shiffiting of proposed road towards the main land is not possible.</li> </ol> <p>Hence the possibility of shifting alignment further towards the main land at chainage 750 is technically unfeasible.</p>
2	The DCF concern shall certify whether the mangroves can grow naturally under the proposed structure.	For minimum impact on the mangroves, TMC has Planed of 7 Meter gap between road on slit and existing ground level, so that the flow of water across the proposed structure can be easily done.



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		<p>The work methodology, during and post construction, has been work out and the detail handout note is attached herewith as annexure 1.</p> <p>Now DCF MMCU is requested to certify the same.</p>
3	<p>Specific comments of the CWLW/PCCF (Wildlife) with respect to the proposed mangroves cutting, maintenance of flow of water/wild animals across the proposed structure at the time of construction and also proximity of the proposed alignment to the SGNP.</p>	<p>DFO MMCU is requested to give Specific recommendations/ comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, on behalf of the PCCF (Wildlife) as per the circular no Desk-17/RS/Nodal cell/2662/2012-13 Nagpur Dated 15.03.2013 issued by the Head of Forest Force. The Circular attached herewith as annexure 2.</p>
4	<p>The State Government shall submit CA schemes and KML files for NFL and DFL areas proposed for CA.</p>	<p>The CA Scheme and KML of NFL and DFL of the Proposed CA land is attached herewith as annexure 3.</p>
5	<p>User Agency shall submit CRZ clearance from competent authority.</p>	<p>TMC have applied for the CRZ Clearances for the project. The proposal was discussed in the 163rd Meeting of the MCZMA held on 02 &amp; 03.02.2023. Post discussion proposal has been recommended by the MCZMA to Central Costal Zone Regulation (CZR). The letter of recommendation of the MCZMA is attached herewith as annexure 4.</p> <p>TMC has given the undertaking of the obtain of the CRZ clearances for the project along the Forest diversion proposal, which is attached herewith as annexure 5.</p>



With above compliance, TMC herewith requested for the recommendation of the proposal at earliest for the approval

Thanking You.



Yours Sincerely

*Bhagwan Shinde*  
29/5/23

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Executive Engineer (PWD)  
Thane Municipal Corporation

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1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal officer Maharashtra Nagpur.