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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
R&B DIVISION (STATE),
CHOWPATI GROUND, PORBANDAR 360575

No.

Dt. 15/08/2021

Annexure-2

To,
The Dy. Conservator of Forests,
Social Forestry Division,
Devbhumi Dwarka, Khambhaliya.

Subject: Proposal for grant of permission under Forest (Conservation) Act-1980, for Diversion of 7.60 ha. of Protected Forest land for widening of existing Porbandar – Adityana – Ranavav Road (SH-95) from Ch Kms 02+000 to 04+000 and 06+000 to 17+000 in Porbandar and Ranavav Taluka of Porbandar District by Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State), Porbandar.

Sir,

The road network in Gujarat is perceived as one of the best in India, although it is still recognized that improvements are required in order that the network provides level service. The expansion of Network and its widening is becoming increasingly important.

The Roads & Buildings Department, a unit of Government of Gujarat is responsible for State Highways Management in Gujarat. The office of Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State), Porbandar entrusted with the assignment of Road Network Development of Porbandar District-best known for being the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi – The Father of Nation.

In view of the above, Office of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Porbandar proposes to widen existing Porbandar – Adityana – Ranavav (SH-95) passing along Protected Forest under the jurisdiction of Social Forestry Division, Devbhumi Dwarka to facilitate better connectivity of the region and redraw the economic geography of Mahatma Gandhi's Porbandar. This project will be undertaken under Central Roads Fund which is approved by the Government of Gujarat vide letter no. CRF/102019/892/C Dated:23/07/2019.

The proposed road traversing through plain terrain takes-off from Jubeli Crossroads in Porbandar City (Ch. Km. 0+000) to Ranavav Railway Crossing (Ch. Km. 17+000), However the present proposal for diversion of 7.60 ha. is for section from **St. Joseph School (Ch. Km. 02+000) to Village KoliKhada (Ch. Km. 04+000) requiring 1.17 ha.** protected forest area and the other section starting from **boundary of village dadar (Ch. Km. 06+000) to ranavav railway crossing (Ch. Km. 17+000) requiring 6.43 ha.** protected forest area as the road widening activity will be carried out on these

two sections only and on the remaining sections only resurfacing will be carried out. The area demanded is 5.85 M wide excluding black-top road 9.75 M. The proposed road widening project has been envisaged through an area which shall have the advantage of simultaneous development as well as reduction in time between Porbandar and Ranavav.

The area wise breakup for required forest land:

Sr. No.	Particular	Area Demanded	Location
1.	Widening of existing Porbandar – Adityana – Ranavav Road (SH-95)	i. 1.17 ha.	From St. Joseph School (Ch. Km 2+000) to Village Kolikhada (Ch. Km 4+000).
		ii. 6.43 ha.	From Boundary of Village Dadar (Ch. Km 6+000) to Ranavav Railway Crossing (Ch. Km 17+000).
		Total: 7.60 ha.	

The proposed road widening project does not pass through any Protected Area, National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary or Reserve Forest.

The authorities shall follow all the best standards of safety and inspection practices prevalent for road construction and utmost care shall be taken to save the existing trees and proper implementation with international best practices would lead to a sustainable development object.

Necessary application along with all annexures in seven sets as per guidelines from MoEF&CC is submitted herewith for perusal and recommendation to grant permission under Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 for proposed road. We are willing to pay compensation for Compensatory Afforestation and also NPV etc. as per prevailing rules and have given undertaking as required.

This being the project of state importance, timely completion of such project is of utmost importance and therefore we solicit your co-operation and accord the necessary permission.

Thanking You,

Yours Faithfully,



(J.J.Rana)

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