

**Sub.:- Forest Land-Thane**

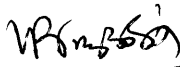
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**PART - V**

**(To be filled up by the Secretary Incharge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)**

**1. Recommendation of the  
State Government**

The proposal is recommended  
vide Government letter  
No. FLD-1218/C.R.01/F-10  
Dated: 09/01/2018

  
**(Virendra Tiwari)** 9/01/2018  
**Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)**  
VIRENDRA TIWARI  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032

**Place: Mumbai**

**Date: 09/01/2018**

## Government of Maharashtra

**By Speed Post**

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Revenue and Forest Department,  
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Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032  
Date:- 09/01/2018

To,  
✓ The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Regional Office, West Central Region,  
Ground Floor, East Wing,  
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,  
Nagpur-440 001.

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The project has been initiated by Executive Engineer (Engineering Division), MMRDA, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai for construction of link road between Thane-Belapur road to NH-4 including tunnel through Parsik Hill in Taluka & District-Thane. The non-forest land involved in the project is 4.5078 Ha.. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as under-

Village Name, Taluka & District	Details of Forest Land				
	Old Survey No.	Survey No./ Gut No.	Compartment No.	Area (in Ha.)	Legal Status
Chinchavali, Taluka & District - Thane	66/1	108	--	0.0400	Acquired Forest
	66/1	109	--	0.0350	Acquired Forest
	66/1	109	--	0.0696	Acquired Forest
	66/4	102	--	0.7930	Acquired Forest
	66/5	105	--	0.0336	Acquired Forest
	65/5	85	--	0.0117	Acquired Forest
	66/5	102	--	0.0345	Acquired Forest
	65/6	85	--	0.3170	Acquired Forest
	65/4	86	--	0.2340	Acquired Forest
	102	87	--	1.6055	Protected Forest
	(A)			3.1739	
Rabale, Taluka & District - Thane	256/A	110	1153 pt	3.5880	Reserved Forest
	256/B	221	--	1.2980	Protected Forest
	(B)			4.8860	
Kausa, Taluka & District - Thane	99/1, 2	99/1, 2	--	0.7885	Acquired Forest
	161/1	161/1	1153 pt	9.3340	Reserved Forest
	(C)			10.1225	
Total Forest Area (in Ha.) (A+B+C)				18.1824	

2. The project has been initiated by Executive Engineer (Engineering Division), MMRDA, Bandra-Kurla complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai for construction of link road between Thane-Belapur Road to N.H. 4 including Tunnel through Parsik Hill, Taluka & District Thane from Village Chinchvali, Rabale and Kause. The project has been administratively approved by Secretary MMRDA, vide letter MMRDA/Meeting/134 dated 19/08/2014. The commercial capital of India has developing with vast resources. At present there is heavy traffic load on Belapur Road. The vehicles being routed through Mumbai Vashi road from Belapur and they have to take about 18 kms round to reach Pune road i.e. National Highway No 4. The proposed link road will save time energy and fuel.

The alignment of proposed link road crosses the Thane Belapur Railway Line and Thane Belapur road, the interchange is proposed at the junction of Thane Belapur Road. The alignment will then pass through land owned by M/s Bharat Bijalee in MIDC area at the elevated corridor. After crossing MIDC central road alignment passes through Hilly terrain of Parsik Hill (Protected/Reserved Forest) in order to reduce the length of alignment, 1.75 kms flat tunnel is proposed to cross the Parsik Hill area. The tunnel is planned considering twin tubes each with 3 lane carriageway. At the end of Parsik Hill alignment taken a left turn on Mumbra side and crosses the built up area till it reaches the existing Mumbra bypass on N.H.4. An interchange is proposed at this junction to exchange traffic with N.H.4.

Considering the necessity of Mumbai Metropolitan Region to provide direct connectivity to the existing built up area of the Thane Belapur Road to N.H.4 (Mumbra Pune Road) which will save time, fuel and energy, therefore Project Authority has submitted the proposal for diversion of 18.1824 ha forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for construction of link road between Thane Belapur road to N.H.-4 Pune road. Proposed Thane Belapur Link Road to N.H.-4 is 3.280 Km which includes Tunnel 1.749 kms, Fly over 0.603 kms and at grade 0.928.62 kms.

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests Thane certified that alternatives have been examined and no suitable alternate Non Forest Land is available other than proposed alignment and the demand for the link road project is the barest minimum.

4. There are 325 trees of various species and girth class in the area proposed for diversion.

5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane certified that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

6. The User Agency has fulfilled the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006.

7. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.

8. The User Agency has submitted that Environment clearance is not necessary in this project and submitted the undertaking, if necessary, the project Authority will get the Environment clearance as per Environment Act, 2006.

9. The project area belongs to Eco-Value class I having density 0.1 to 0.3.

10. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane has certified that proposed site is not likely to affect any monuments site of cultural, historical, religious archeological or recreational importance.

11. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane has certified that the proposed project is within 10 Km from boundaries of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali, Mumbai but outside the notified

Eco Sensitive Zone of SGNP, Borivali. The distance from the boundary of SGNP, Borivali is 7.400 kms.

12. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane has certified that the area involved in project does not included of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary and the Nature Reserve etc. The project will not have any adverse effect/impact on the Wildlife within Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali, Mumbai. The distance from the boundary of SGNP, Borivali is 7.400 kms.

13. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane certified that the non-forest land involved in the project are not under provisions of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act, 1975 by virtue of application of section-35 of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and are not recognized as deemed Reserved Forest as well as not included in the area identified as "Forest" as per the dictionary meaning of Forests as intimated to the expert Committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.

14. The User Agency has submitted the Cost Benefit analysis.

15. The User Agency has proposed 18.50 Ha. of alternative non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation at Sur/Gut. No. 425 of Village-Dahiwadi, Tal. Tuljapur, Dist. Osmanabad.

16. The Project Authority has submitted that proposed tunnel is approximately 1750m and approximately 5,66,900 cum quantity of stone/earth will be diverted from excavation of tunnel. Partly about 89600 cum suitable quality of derived material will be utilized for construction of road and balance 4,77,000 cum will be used for MMRDA's other projects. The extracted quantity of material will disposed/dispatched at early as possible from site and no damage will be done to the nearby forest area. The cost of quantity used for construction and disposed by the Project Agency will be paid if necessary as per Government order.

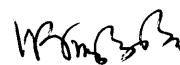
17. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane has recommended the proposal being public interest and most of the alignment is under tunnel and embankment with minimum disturbance of Forest surface.

18. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane has recommended the proposal for approval.

19. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.

20. In the circumstances explained in above paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted for the non-forestry use on the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the same may please be obtained and communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,



(Virendra Tiwari)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

9/01/2018

**Encl:**

A) Set of case papers

**B) The following documents are enclosed:-**

1. Prescribed form as per Rules
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Area Statement
4. Index map of suitable scale
5. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of exploitation as well as cost of compensatory plantation
6. User Agency has given an undertaking of Net Present Value
7. Brief note of the project from the project authority
8. Map of non-forest land for compensatory afforestation
9. Site Inspection Report
10. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
11. Certificate in Part-V

**Copy to:**

1. Secretary (Tribal), Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur with reference to his letter no. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12540/(61)/2287/2017-18, dated 28/12/2017.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane
5. Collector, Thane
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane
7. Executive Engineer (Engineering Division), MMRDA, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai
8. Select File F-10