

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

The existing road Palasdev- Nhavi- Vyahli MDR 190 connects Palasdev at NH 65 with village Nimgaon Ketki via Nhavi & Vyahli. The proposed road is an important link to Sugar Factory at Bijwadi. The workers in Sugar Factory are residing mostly in these villages. The road also connects Industrial Estate at Loni.

The entire MDR 190 road is metalled, except 1070.7 m. long stretch from Chainage Km. 1/485 to Km. 2/256 and 3/330 to Km. 3/630, which is passing through few patches of Forest Land. Hence, the road is not being utilized by the stakeholders to the fullest extent. The road is also used by the farmers of surrounding villages for transporting their Agricultural Produce. The vehicles transporting the sugar cane are using this existing kaccha thoroughfare through Forest Land. There is always a possibility of accident due to uneven surface of forest thoroughfare. An improvement (Black topping) of the forest part of the road is required to ensure safety of vehicles transporting the passengers / sugar cane and of the workers/ farmers/ by passers.

The extant road has been included in the Road Development Plan 2001-2021 of the Maharashtra State. The Government of Maharashtra has accorded Administrative Approval for the project of improvement of the extant road. The project is also technically sanctioned by the Chief Engineer, PWD, Pune.

Since, the proposed work is to be carried out in the patch of Forest Land, the project attracts provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The project requires Forest Clearance i.e. prior approval under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Central Government. The part of Forest Land admeasuring 0.96363 Ha. is required to be diverted to enable connect the entire stretch of the existing road and put it to its optimal use.

The project involves improvement (Black topping) to only the kaccha part of the existing road which is passing through the Forest land. Hence, no alternative can be substituted for the existing alignment. The project is, therefore, the site specific. The Forest Land proposed for diversion is, thus, unavoidable. The barest minimum Forest Land, to the extent of 0.96363 Ha., is required/ proposed for the project.

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