

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The Building & Construction Department (South), Zilla Parishad (District Council), Pune has accorded an Administrative Approval for the construction of Mhaskewasti- Irrigation Bungalow Section of Village Road vide order dated 10/03/2021.

The existing throughfare, which is numbered as Village Road is connecting to Village Road which further connect Bharnewadi village to its Gram Devta Mandir i. e. Village Deity Temple, popularly known as Biroba Mandir, located in the midst of Forest Area of Bharnewadi, Indapur Tehsil of Pune District.

An existing throughfare is being traditionally used by the people of Bharnewadi and other adjoining villages to reach the Viroba Mandir. The road is subjected to inundation and becomes unusable during rainy season. The present alternative available with the people/ devotees of Village Deity Biroba has multiple length and found to be inconvenient for performing their day-to-day rituals. Hence, the need is felt for having a "all season road" .

Since, the proposed road pass through a 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 proposed road i. e. existing throughfare to temple is important for local folks as it is associated with their regional identity and religious beliefs & sentiments. 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 0.9971 Ha., is required/ proposed for the project.

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