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Date: 23.09,2020

National Highways Authority of India

(Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India.)

Project Implementation Unit, Kolhapur.

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NHAI/PIU/KOLHAPUR/S-B-4/Forest/2020/988

To,

Deputy Forest Conservator, Forest Department, Hanuman Nagar, Kupwad, Tal. Miraj, Dist. Sangli- 416 436. Tel. No. 0233 2344639

Sub: - NHAI-PIU-Kolhapur- Diversion of 3.933 Ha Reserved Forest Land in favour of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI-PIU, Solapur) for construction and Upgradation of two lane into four lane of existing National Highway 166 from existing chainage 182.95 to chainage 219.56. Sangli to Borgaon under NHDP Phase IV on Hybrid Annuity mode in Sangli District in the State of Maharashtra - Reg.

Ref: -

- 1. Your office letter No. ब/कक्ष-१०/जिमन/२०२०-२१/१६७०, dt. 09.09.2020.
- 2. AIGF (Central) Letter No. FC-I/MH-188/2019-NGP/7121, dt. 04.09.2020.
- 3. MOEAF & CC guideline FN. 11-306/2014-FC Dated 28.08.2015.

Sir,

- 1. With reference to above subject, Regional Officer, RO(WCZ), MoEF&CC, Nagpur has granted "In-Principle" approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, for diversion of 3.933 Ha Reserved Forest Land of village Bhose & Haroli of Sangli District vide their letter cited at reference 2 above, with directions to deposit CA land amount, Cost of Survey, Demarcation & erection of permanent pillars, NPV and Demand Draft for Cost of felling of trees to Forest Department.
- 2. In this regards, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Sangli has raised demand note of amount as per instruction of AIGF (Central) letter and requested to deposit the same given below:

Sr. No.	Description	Amount in Rs.	Deposit in favour of
1	CA Land 8.00 Ha.	5562312.00	
2	Cost of Survey, Demarcation & erection of permanent pillars of Forest Land	80000.00	e-portal (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in</u>) online payment
3	NPV	2462058.00	
	Total	8104370.00	
4 Cost of felling of trees		23310.00	D.D. in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest, Sangli
	Grand Total	8127680.00	

- 3. Accordingly, this office has online deposited an amount of Rs. 81,04,370/- (Rs. Eighty One Lakhs Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy only) against CA Land, Cost of Survey, Demarcation & NPV on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in) and Rs. 23,310/- (Rs. Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ten only) against felling of trees through D.D. in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest, Sangli, as requested vide letter cited at reference 1 above.
- 4. All these payment deposited under CAMPA fund. The online receipt of Rs. 81,04,370/for Challan dtd 18.09.2020 & payment Rs. 23,310/- vide Original DD No. 196941, dtd 18.09.2020 is enclosed herewith for further necessary action in the matter, please.
- 5. Point wise compliance of stage-I approval is given as under:

Point wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the First stage approval granted under the Forest (Conservation), 1980 is given below:

S. No.	Condition of 1 st stage FC approval	Compliance Status
1.	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged	An undertaking in compliance to this condition is submitted and the same is enclosed at Annexure-IA.
		Ownership of the land rests with the State Forest Department. User Agency in no way can change the legal status of forest land.
2.	a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 8.00 ha degraded forest land (Gut no. 196, 197, Compartment No. 175 at village Haroli, Tal- Kavathe Mahankal Dist-Sangli), at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10%RET species of Sangli Division shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;	Agreed. Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over the 8.0 ha of degraded forest land in Compt No. 175 of District Sangli. Cost of raising of compensatory afforestation has been deposited through e-payment portal. An amount of Rs 5562312./- has been deposited into the account of CAMPA for raising CA over an area of 8.00 ha of degraded forest land (Annexure-II). A CA scheme for 10 years of maintenance along with supporting documents viz. site suitability, differential GPS maps were submitted before Stage-I approval. Afforestation on the earmarked CA land will be raised by the State Forest Department as per approved CA scheme in due course.
3.	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost	Agreed. Compensatory levies towards raising of compensatory afforestation has

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	of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;	through e-payment portal. An amount of Rs. 80000./- has been deposited into the account of CAMPA for raising
4.	NPV	Agreed.
	a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 3.933 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.ll) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007 -FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard;	Net Present Value (NPV) in lieu of diversion of 3.933 ha of forest land has been deposited into the account of CAMPA. An amount of Rs. 2462058/- has been deposited into the account of CAMPA towards the cost of NPV value of forest being diverted under this project.
	b. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization	Agreed. Undertaking to this effect has been submitted and a copy of the same is
	of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	enclosed at Annexure-III.
5.	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest	Agreed. Undertaking to this effect has been submitted and a copy of the same is enclosed at Annexure-IV. An amount of Rs. 23310./- towards

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	Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	deposited with the DFO, Sangli	
6.	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.inl),.	All compensatory levies, as demand raised by the Forest Department in compliance of relevant conditions prescribed in the Stage-I approval have been deposited into the account of CAMPA as per detail given below: i. CA	
7.	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;	A certificate from the District Collector, Sangli is being submitted along with supporting documents as per guidelines dated 05.07.2013, shortly.	
8.	Complete tree enumeration details of 212 project affected trees has not been submitted. The same shall be submitted along with stage-I compliance report.	Complete detail of enumeration of trees has already been submitted in the relevant fields of online Form-A. Girth wise enumeration of project affected trees was entered in the online proposal. Detail of the same is enclosed at Annexure -V.	
9.	Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same shall be submitted along with stage I compliance report.	Detail of employment likely to be generated from the project as per required fields in the online Form-A has been provided and the same is re-produced as under: (i) Permanent/Regular Employment	
10.	NHAI shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 25000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local every year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by user agency in	Agreed and noted for compliance. NHAI does not own any lands in the area. Necessary efforts are being made with the Forest Division to identify a suitable area for the establishment of nursery. Nursery in compliance to this condition will be established as soon as land is made	

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	the vicinity of project area including forest area and for better relation with local people residing in vicinity of proposed road, NHAI shall voluntary distribute remaining 50% of seedlings of them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area every six month submitted to Regional office MoEF &CC	An undertaking to comply with the condition is enclosed at Annexure- VI
11.	User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per IRC norms	Agreed. An undertaking to raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per IRC norms has been submitted and the same is enclosed at Annexure - VII
12.	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Areas;	Agreed An undertaking to erect speed regulating signage along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Areas has been submitted at Annexure-VIII.
13.	The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass for safe passage of wild animals at suitable places as per wildlife Institute India's manual entitled "Ecofriendly measures to mitigate Impact of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife published in 2016.	Agreed An undertaking to provide suitable under/over pass for safe passage of wild animals at suitable places as per Wild Life Institute India Manual is submitted at Annexure -IX.
14.	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	As per the existing norms of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time, the project is exempted from the purview of EIA Notification, 2006 and hence do not require environment clearance. However, an undertaking in compliance of condition has been submitted at Annexure -X.
15.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	Agreed No change in the layout of the project has been done. Road construction work will be undertaken as per the layout and design submitted along with the proposal. Undertaking is enclosed at Annexure - XI.
16.	No labour camp shall be established	Agreed. No labour camps will be established

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	on the forest land;	in the forest land. Labour camps, if needed will be set up in non-forest area which will be hired for this purpose. Undertaking is enclosed at Annexure - XII.
17.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	Agreed. All Unskilled labourers engaged in the construction of road will be hired locally while skilled labourers shall be provided with LPG gas cylinders for cooking. No labourers and workers will be allowed to enter the forest land other than diverted for upgradation and widening of the road. Undertaking is enclosed at Annexure - XIII.
18.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;	Agreed. Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. Undertaking is enclosed at Annexure - XIV.
		An amount of Rs. 80000./- has been deposited into the account of CAMPA towards the cost of boundary demarcation of forest land being diverted under this project.
19.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	Agreed Existing RoW of road will be used for the widening work. No additional or new path will be constructed during the upgradation of road. Undertaking is submitted at Annexure - XV
20.	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;	Agreed and noted for compliance. Undertaking is submitted at Annexure - XVI.
21.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	Agreed. Forest land has been proposed to be used exclusively for the widening and upgradation of the road. Undertaking is submitted at Annexure - XVII.
22.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of	Agreed. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agencies, department or person

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	Govt. of India;	without prior approval of Govt. of India. Undertaking is submitted at Annexure - XVIII.
23.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018;	Agreed No violation has been committed. Upgradation work is being taken up within the RoW of road.
24.	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;	Noted for compliance. Additional condition, if any stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall be complied with by the User Agency. Undertaking is submitted at Annexure - XIX.
25.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	Agreed. Six monthly compliance report will be uploaded timely on e-portal. Undertaking is submitted at Annexure - XX.

6. In view of above, compliance of condition No. 3, 4 (a), 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & undertakings duly authenticated by the Competent Authority is submitted for issuance of working permission for commencement of project work.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

Encl: 1. Receipt of online Challan.

2. Original DD No. 196941, dtd 18.09.2020.

3. Annexure I to XX.- 5 sets.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

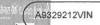
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1. CGM (Tech) & RO-Mumbai - For information please.

- 2. CCF (T), Forest office, Kolhapur for information and further necessary action please.
- 3. Master file.









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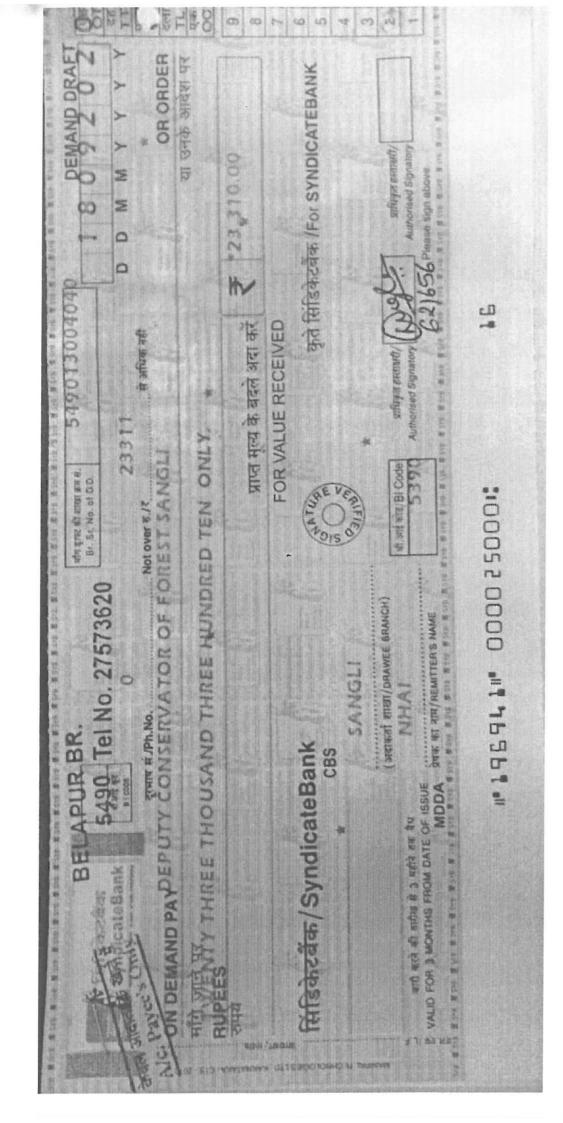




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F. No. 11-306/2014-FC (pt.) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aligani, Jorbagh Road New Delhi - 110 001 Dated: 28th August, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests) All State Governments / Union territory Administrations

Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Simplified procedure for grant of permission for felling of trees standing on forest land to be diverted for execution of linear projects: reg.

17(4) 2/18/18/

I am directed to refer to guidelines on the afore-mentioned subject issued by this Ministry vide letters of even number dated 7th May 2015, wherein this Ministry communicated a simplified procedure for grant of permission for tree cutting and commencement of work of linear project in forest land, and to say that after further examination of these guidelines it has been observed that having obtained the permission for tree felling and execution of work on forest land, urgency/need to obtain stage-II approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) reduces. It has also been apprehended in some quarters that in many such cases State Governments may not seek and obtain stage-II approval under the FC Act, and consequently many of conditions, other than those relating to payment of compensatory levies and transfer and mutation in favour of State Forest Department of land for compensatory afforestation, may remain unfulfilled.

- Accordingly, in supersession of this Ministry's said letter/guidelines of even number dated 7th May, 2015, I am directed to say as below:
 - With a view to facilitate speedy execution of projects involving linear diversion of forest land such as laying of new roads, widening of existing highways, transmission lines, water supply lines, optic fiber cabling, railway lines etc., in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) issued by the Central Government may be deemed as the working permission for tree cutting and commencement of work, if the required funds for compensatory afforestation, net present value (NPV), wildlife conservation plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all such other compensatory levies specified in the in-principle approval are realised from the user

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agency and where necessary, for compensatory afforestation, transfer and mutation of non-forest/revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department is affected;

After the afore-mentioned compensatory levies specified in the in-principle approval are realised from the user agency and where necessary, for compensatory afforestation, transfer and mutation of non-forest/revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department is affected, the State Government or a Senior Officer not below the Rank of a Divisional Forest Officer, having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be diverted, duly authorized in this behalf by the State Government, shall pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. The central Government may extend the permission for one more year subject to submission of reasonable progress report from the State Government as regards to the steps taken to comply with the remaining conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

No non-forest activity in the forest area that is covered under Section 2 of the FC Act would be permitted and carried on in any manner whatsoever unless an order specified in para (ii) above has been passed by the competent authority of that State Government and is placed in the public domain by putting it on its website and all other requirements in accordance with law are complied with;

For the purpose of Section 2A of the FC Act and Section 16 (e) of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (NGT Act) the Order for tree cutting and commencement of work of linear project in forest land, specified in para (ii) above, shall be an order under Section 2 of the FC Act;

An appeal as per provisions of section 2 A of FC Act and/or Section 16 (e) of the NGT Act can be filed against any such order specified in para (ii) above for tree cutting and commencement of work of linear project in forest land;

In the event of filing of such appeal, it would be open for the person aggrieved, to assail the order/clearance granted by the Central Government under Section 2 of the FC Act which forms an integral part and sole basis of the order specified in para (ii) above;

The State Government and the project proponent shall take further action as has been stipulated by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in their Judgment dated 7th November 2012 in Appeal No. 7/2012 to accord publicity and to ensure availability in public domain of in-principle approval under the FC Act accorded by the Central Government and the order specified in para (ii) above. State Government and the project proponent shall also ensure strict compliance of other direction(s) contained in the said

(viii) The State Governments, in such cases shall seek and obtain from the Central Government final/formal approval under the FC Act for diversion of such forest land at the earliest, and in any case not later than five years from the date of grant of the inprinciple approval.

This issues with approval of the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,

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(H.C. Chaudhary) Director

Copy to:-

- Prime Minister's Office (Kind attn.: Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director), South Block, New Dollar
- The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3. Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 5. Chairman, Railways Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Director General, Border Roads Organization, New Delhi.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all States/UTs.
- Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
- All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
- 11. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, Gol.
- All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, Gol.

- Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, Gol with a request to place a copy of this letter on website of this Ministry.
- 15. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Col.
- 16. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, Gol.
- 17. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, Gol.
- 18. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoL

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(H.C. Chaudhary)

Director

Compliance Report on Approval Granted by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

In respect of

Diversion of 3.933 Ha Reserved Forest Land in favour of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI-PIU, Kolhapur) for construction and Up gradation of two lane into four lane of existing National Highway 166 from existing chainage 182.95 to chainage 219.56. Sangli to Borgaon under NHDP Phase IV on Hybrid Annuity mode in Sangli District in the State of Maharashtra.

Submitted by NHAI PIU KOLHAPUR

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

- 1. The proposal envisages rehabilitation and upgradation of existing Sangli-Borgaon Section NH-166 from 2 lane to 4 lane with Paved Shoulder Configuration involving diversion of 3.933 ha of forest land falling in the jurisdiction of Kolhapur Forest Division in Sangli District in the State of Maharashtra.
- 2. Proposal has been conceived to ease congestion of traffic on NH-166 Highway which is an important link between Ratnagiri to Solapur districts of Maharashtra.
- 3. Total forest area involved in the project is 3.933 ha. The Density and Eco-class of the area proposed for diversion is as follow:

Division	Area ha	Density	Eco-Class
Sangli	3.933	0.4	Eco-Value-Class III

4. Total project affected trees involved in the project are 212. Major affected tree species are Akashiya, Babul, Bhor, Glircidia, Gulmohar, Hivar, Karanje, Khair, Limb, Nilgiri, Palas, Shisu, Sisam, Shubahabul, Wad species. Girth class wise detail of project affected trees is listed below:

Girth	Sangli
(0-30)	88
(31-60)cm.	104
(61-90)cm.	20
(91-120)cm.	0
(121-150)cm.	0
(>150)cm.	0
Grand Total	212

- 5. Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over and area of 8.00 ha of degraded forest land in Comptt. No. 175 in Sangli Forest Division, Maharashtra. Certificate to the effect that land identified for raising CA is free from encumbrances and is suitable for afforestation has been provided by the DCF, Sangli and was submitted along with the proposal. CA scheme for 10 years of maintenance plan was submitted including Differential GPS map of the CA along with the proposal.
- 6. No violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been committed.
- 7. The proposal was accorded in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by the Regional Office of the Ministry at Nagpur vide letter no. FC-I/MH-188/2019-NGP/7121 dated 4st September 2020. A copy of the Stage-I approval is enclosed at Annexure-I.

8. Compensatory levies, as stipulated in the Stage-I approval have been deposited in to the account of CAMPA, through e-challan, as per demands raised by the State Forest Department. Detail of compensatory levies deposited into CAMPA account are given as under:

i. Cost of raising compensatory afforestation (CA) -

Rs. 5562312/-

ii. Net Present Value (NPV) -

Rs. 2462058/-

iii. Cost of demarcation of forest land -

Rs. 80000/-

Total -

Rs. 8127680 /-

Detail of compensatory levies deposited by the User Agency in lieu of demand raised by the Divisional Forest Officer is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.





भारत सरकार Regional Office (WCZ) GOVERNMENT OF INDIA Ground Floor, East Wing पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय New Secretariat Building MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001 & CLIMATE CHANGE E-mail: apecfcentral-ngp-mef@gov.in

F.No. FC-I/MH-188/2019-NGP/7121

Date: 04.09.2020

To.

The Secretary (Forests). Revenue and Forest Department, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madam Cama Marg Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 3.933 ha Reserved Forest Land in favour of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), P.I.U. Solapur for construction and Upgradation of two lane into four lane of existing National Highway 166 from existing chainage 182.95 to chainage 219.56, Sangli to Borgaon under NHDP Phase IV on Hybrid Annuity mode in Sangli District in the State of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12748/(69)/1410/2019-20 dated 03.12.2019 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12748/(69)/31/2019-20 dated 18.05.2020 forwarding additional information as sought by this Office vide letter of even number dated 02.01.2020 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Regional Office (WCZ) in light of relevant provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Guidelines issued thereunder.

After careful examination of the proposal and on the basis of the recommendation of State Government, Maharashtra, the Central Government hereby accords 'in-principle' under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3.933 ha Reserved Forest Land in favour of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), P.I.U. Solapur for construction and Upgradation of two lane into four lane of existing National Highway 166 from existing chainage 182.95 to chainage 219.56, Sangli to Borgaon under NHDP Phase IV on Hybrid Annuity mode in Sangli District in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

2. Compensatory afforestation:

- a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 8.00 ha. degraded forest land (Gut No. 196, 197, Compartment No. 175 at Village-Haroli, Tal- Kavathemankal Dist- Sangli) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Sangli Division shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- 3. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.

The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

4. NPV:

- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 3.933 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard;
- b. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in);
- The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- Complete tree enumeration details of 212 project affected trees has not been submitted. The same shall be submitted along with Stage-I compliance report;
- Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same shall be submitted along with Stage-I compliance report;
- 10. NHAI shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 25,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local every year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for better relation with local people residing in vicinity of proposed road, NHAI shall voluntary distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;
- User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms;
- Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- 13. The User Agency shall provide suitable under/ over pass for safe passage of wild animals at suitable places as per Wildlife Institute of India's manual entitled "Eco-

- friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife" published in 2016;
- 14. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- 15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- 16. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- 17. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- 18. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- 19. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- 20. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
- The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- 22. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation)
 Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018;
- 24. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- 25. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

After receipt of a report on the compliance of conditions no 3, 4 (a), 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and undertakings, duly authenticated by the competent authority in the State Government, in respect of all other conditions, from the State Government, formal approval will be considered in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The transfer of forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government till formal order approving the diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(C.B. Tashildar) AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

(C.B. Tashildar) AIGF (Central) Undertaking in compliance of condition no (1) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09,2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that legal status of the forest land shall being diverted shall remain unchanged.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Detail of compensatory levies deposited into the account of CAMPA is given as under (Copy of payment details as available online on PARIVESH Portal):

Sr. No.	Description	Amount in Rs.	Deposit in favour of
1	CA Land 8.00 Ha.	5562312.00	e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in) online payment

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (4)(b) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court shall be paid by the NHAI.

Sr. No.	Description	Amount in Rs.	Deposit in favour of
1	NPV	2462058.00	e-portal (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in</u>) online payment

Date - 23/09/2020

Place - Kolhapur

(V. D. Pandarkar)
DGM (Tech) & Project Director,
NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (5) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that felling of trees will be restricted to minimum number in the diverted forest land, trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited with the State Forest Department.

Sr. No.	Description	Amount in Rs.	Deposit in favour of
1	Cost of felling of trees		D.D. in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest, Sangli

Date - 23/09/2020

Place - Kolhapur

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director,

NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Complete tree enumeration details are given as under:

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
1	Acacia Ariciloformis	Akashiya	1	0	5	0	0	0
2	Velagchinta	Babul	2	3	1	0	0	- 0
3	Ziayphus xylopyra	Bhor	0	2	0	0	0	0
4	Gliricidia Maculata	Glricidia	13	30	6	0	0	0
5	Delonix Regia	Gulmohar	2	3	0	0	0	0
6	Leucosceptrum Canum Sm.	Hivar	5	20	0	0	0	0
7	Melotus Philippensis	Karanje	1	2	2	0	0	0
8	Acacia Catechu	Khair	3	0	0	0	0	0
9	Azadirachta Indica	Limb	18	21	3	0	0	0
10	Eucalyptus	Nilgiri	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	Butea Monosperma	Palas	5	4	0	0	0	0
12	Dalburgia Sisoo	Shisu	9	7	1	0	0	0
13	Dalburgia Sisoo	Sisam	3	1	0	0	0	0
14	Leucosceptrum Canum Sm.	Subhabul	23	11	2	0	0	0
15	Ficus benghalensis	Wad	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total			88	104	20	0	0	0

Date - 23/09/2020

Place - Kolhapur

(V. D. Pandarkar)
DGM (Tech) & Project Director,
NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

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Undertaking in compliance of condition no (10) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that a nursery in compliance to this condition will be established as soon as land is made available by the Forest Department.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director,

NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (11) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road will be raised as per IRC norms.

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DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (12) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020.

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Areas.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director,

NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (13) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09,2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that suitable under/over pass for safe passage of wild animals at suitable places as per wildlife Institute India's manual entitled "Ecofriendly measures to mitigate Impact of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife published in 2016.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director,

NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (14) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 shall be obtained if required in future.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director,

NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (15) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.

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DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAV, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (16) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

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DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (17) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (18) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

Sr. No.	Description	on	Amount in Rs.	Deposit in favour of	
1	Cost of Demarcation & e permanent pil Forest Land	Survey, rection of lars of	80000.00	e-portal (<u>https://parivesh.nic</u> <u>.in</u>) online payment	

Date - 23/09/2020

(V. D. Pandarkar) DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (19) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (20) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.

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DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director,

NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (21) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (22) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (24) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be complied with.

(V. D. Pandarkar)

DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

Date - 23/09/2020

Undertaking in compliance of condition no (25) of Stage-I approval dated 04.09.2020

I, Sh. V. D. Pandarkar, DGM (Tech) & Project Director authorized by the competent authority of NHAI to swear on its behalf hereby submit undertaking to the effect that compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

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DGM (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU - Kolhapur

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Date - 23/09/2020