

of 1.64 ha. as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purposes it is earmarked in sanctioned Regional Plan of Nagpur District.

5. Another important point which is required to be mentioned here is that this *Zudpi Jungle* land is a barren land devoid of any tree growth and, at present, is in an unmanaged state unfit for forestry works on account of its vulnerability to encroachment and illegal occupation. While developing this land along with other adjoining acquired lands earmarked in the sanctioned Regional Plan for the establishment of 'Transport City and Industrial Estate', the society is duty bound to ensure protection of the land and a clean environment by maintaining greenery throughout the area in public interest.

6. The project is situated in rural areas of Nagpur district and is a driving force to over all socio-economic and industrial development of the surrounding areas situated in the vicinity of this proposed industrial estate specially with regard to small scale industrial units. If this *zudpi jungle* land is diverted to the industrial use in accordance with already sanctioned statutory Regional Plan of Nagpur District, it will enhance economic development of the region and would positively contribute to sustained economic growth of the country. It is to add that after completion of the proposed project, around 4000 persons including skilled workmen would get employment round the year in the project area.