

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The Manjri Bk, a part of Pune Metropolitan Region has developed at fast pace since last decade. In order to manage ever increasing volume of traffic, to ensure discipline and public safety in crowded Manjri, the existing road from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri Bk, which is a section of MDR 56, is required to be widened & restructured considering present & future requirement of the locality, according to standards prescribed by Indian Road Congress.

The Executive Committee of the Authority has accorded Administrative Approval for Concreting & Four Laning i. e. widening (Improvement & Restructuring) work of the existing road from Manjri Railway Gate to Manjri Bk, a section of MDR 56.

Since, the proposed road traverse 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 part of Forest Land admeasuring 0.947 Ha. is required to be diverted to enable widening of the entire stretch of the existing road MDR 56 and put it to its optimal use.

The project involves widening 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 0.947 Ha., is required/ proposed for the project.

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