

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-1923/CR-261/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 21.09.2023.

To,

Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Regional Office,
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Pune

Diversion of 17.8980 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Pune Ring Road Eastern (PRRE) 38/340 km to Urse to Solu at Village Dhanore, Charholi, Solu, Indori, Vadgaon, Tal. Khed & Maval, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/114977/2020)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 17.8980 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Pune Ring Road Eastern (PRRE) 38/340 km to Urse to Solu at Village Dhanore, Charholi, Solu, Indori, Vadgaon, Tal. Khed & Maval, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	District	Taluka	Name of Village	Survey /Gut No.	Length Width (in mtr)	X (in ha)	Area in ha	Legal Status	
1.	Construction of Pune Ring Road Eastern (PPRE) 38/340 km start to Urse to Solu of Pune District passing through Dhanore, Charholi, Solu, Indori, Vadgaon Tal. Khed & Maval, Dist. Pune.	Pune	Maval	Indori	408	582 x 99.32		8.4617	Reserved Forest	
2				Vadgaon	122	102.90 x 95.51	0.9828			
		(A) Total Area in Pune Forest Division							9.4445	
3		Khed	Dhanore	282	200.96 x 80.16		1.6107	Reserved Forest		
4			Charholi	553	558.92 x 92.29	5.1585				
5			Solu	585	169.61 x 99.3	1.6843				
	(B) Total Area in Junnar Forest Division							8.4535		
Grant Total (A + B)								17.8980		

2. The proposed project area is Pune District is the second largest district in the State of Maharashtra. Maharashtra State Region Development Corporation MSRDC (the User Agency) is planning, developing, co-ordinating and implementing agency established by Government of Maharashtra to ensure balanced development with sustainable growth of Pune Metropolitan Region (PMR). Considering the future growth and development of Government of Maharashtra has proposed 110 m wide Ring Road in the Regional Plan of Pune Region for 104.275 Km length out of which Urse to Solu is 38.340 Km. The project will side by side generate large scale temporary and permanent employment to the skilled and un-skilled workers, thereby offering employment opportunity of mainly to local population.

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Junnar have certified that:-

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is 0.4 (Open Forest).
 3.3) There are 3338 trees of various species and trees involved in implementation of the project. The Girth wise break up is as under:-

Tree Girth in Cm.									
0-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-135	136 above	Total
Pune	348	687	874	307	382	336	95	89	3118
Junnar	95	44	25	24	15	15	2	0	220
Total	443	731	899	331	397	351	97	89	3338

- 3.4) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
 3.5) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
 3.6) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
 3.7) Proposed project is beyond 10 Kms from the boundary of the nearest Wildlife Sanctuary/Protected Area/ National Park/Nature Reserve in West Pune Forest Division area.
 3.8) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.

3.9) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 17.8980 ha. non-forest land in Survey No.177 at Village- Kodit Khurd, Tal. Purandar, Dist.Pune and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.

3.10) No suitable alternative non-forest land is available other than forest use purpose.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

4.1 to bear the cost of Net Present Value.

4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.

4.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.

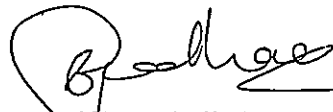
6. In the circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur in addition to following conditions:-

1.	<i>Every 1 km. Distance, appropriate signage's shall be place.</i>
2.	<i>At every required place, underpass or culverts of appropriate size shall be kept for free movement of wild animals. At such places, Trap Cameras shall also be placed.</i>
3.	<i>The project Proponent shall, at its own cost, provide three mobile Rescue Van to Forest Department.</i>
4.	<i>The Project Proponent shall construct two Protection Huts (G+1) Modal or as required by the Forest Department for wildlife protection & forest conservation.</i>
5.	<i>Soil Moisture work should be done as per required or suggested by forest department.</i>
6.	<i>User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance, if required.</i>

The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government.

Email/ 22-9-2023
Encl: A) Set of case papers

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(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the
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B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Area Statement
3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-114977/1361/Pune, Dt. 01.08.2023.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Junnar.
6. Executive Engineer, MSRDC, Pune.
7. Select File (F-10)

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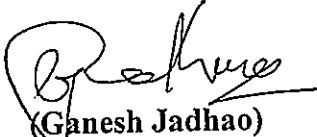
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PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

1. Recommendation of the
State Government

The proposal is recommended
vide Government letter
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