

Government of Maharashtra

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No. FLD-2022/C.R.63/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
Madame Cama Road,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.
Date: 06.06.2022

To,
Regional Officer (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001.

Subject: Forest Land- Pune.

Diversion of 0.016 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mr. Sandip M. Khedekar for laying of pipeline for agricultural irrigation purpose at Village Guroli, Tal. Purandar, Dist. Pune

Sir,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State has submitted Proposal for Diversion of 0.016 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mr. Sandip M. Khedekar for laying of pipeline for agricultural irrigation purpose at Village Guroli, Tal. Purandar, Dist. Pune

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

Item work purpose	District	Taluka	Village	Survey / Gut No.	Length & Width (in meter)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
Laying underground pipeline for agriculture purpose in Village Guroli, Tal. Purandar, Dist. Pune.	Pune	Purandar	Guroli	1191	160 x 1	0.016	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Land (in ha)						0.016	

2. The proposal has been initiated by the Shri. Sandip M. Khedekar Village Guruoli, Tal.Purandar, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground pipeline for agricultural water supply in Village Guruoli, Tal.Purandar, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra. The project can be demarcated on Survey of India Top sheet No. 47 J/3 and the forest area lies

within Latitude N-18°24'08'' and E-74°05.12''. The total non-forest involved in the project is 0.08 ha. The total length of pipeline is 160 Rmt. from which 160 Rmt is passing through forest land.

3. The Sub Divisional Officer, Bhore has certified that:-

- 3.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is minimum.
- 3.2 The area belongs to Eco-value class-III and Density of forest is 0.01 (Open Forest)
- 3.3 There is no cutting and felling of trees is involved in the Project.
- 3.4 The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6 There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 3.7 The proposed area for the project is not within 10 km from the boundary Sanctuary and National Park.
- 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 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 0.50 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.1191 at Village Guroli, 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 The Sub Divisional Officer, Bhore has submitted the site specific justification as under:-

"The proposal recommended for acceptance as the proposed piece of land is open & barest minimum. There is no other alternative land available and the area is to be diverted is not sensitive and will not have any adverse effect on the ecology of the area. In the present case, the alignment has been decided only after considering such site factors. Hence the proposal is categorized as "Site Specific"

3.11 Alternative examined for linear project details are as under:-

Alignment	Village	Length & Width (in Mtr)	Area (in ha.)	Remarks
Alignment No.1	Village Guroli Tal. Purander Dist. Pune	160 m x 1 m = 160 Sq.M	0.016	This alignment is along with the existing forest boundary on one side of the forest area easily approachable from the Private land. There are some flat areas which are suitable for

	Gut No.1191			the proposed pipeline. So it is suitable for the project. However, this alignment selected and proposed for project.
Alignment No.2	Village Guroli Tal. Purader Dist. Pune Gut No.1191	160 m x 1 m = 160 Sq.n	0.016	This alignment is along with the existing forest boundary on one side of the forest area. There are no suitable flat areas for the proposed pipeline and main thing it is not easily visible. However, this alignment is rejected for proposed project
Alignment No.3	Village Guroli Tal. Purader Dist. Pune Gut No.1191	180 m x 1 m = 180 Sq.M	0.018	This alignment is along with the existing forest boundary on one side of the forest area but more area through the forest area and hence the requirement of forest land increases. However, this alignment is rejected for proposed project

Three alternatives have been examined in detail and have to come to conclusion that the alternative No. 1 is most suitable for forestry point of view, i.e. minimum area involved and there is no cutting/felling of trees.

4. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that:-

- 4.1 To defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
 - 4.2 To defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
 - 4.3 To submit necessary compliance under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 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 aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said Forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject to the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

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Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) **The following documents are enclosed:-**

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Area Statement
4. Index map of suitable scale
5. An undertaking of Project Authority for Net Present Value.
6. Site Inspection Report.
7. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
8. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O. (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur
3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune.
4. Sub Divisional Officer, Bhore, Pune.
5. Mr. Sandip M. Khedekar, Guroli, Tal. Purandar, Dist. Pune.
6. Select file F-10.

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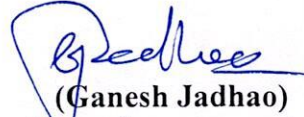
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PART - V

(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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