

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2022/CR-291/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department,

Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 14.11.2022

To,

The Secretary,

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,

Government of India,

New Delhi.

Subject: Forest Land-Chandrapur

Diversion of 315.74 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation), 1980 for Renovation of Asolamendha Irrigation Project in Division Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division, Saoli, Mul and Pombhurna talukas of Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 315.74 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation), 1980 for Renovation of Asolamendha Irrigation Project in Division Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division, Saoli, Mul and Pombhurna talukas of Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr No	Item of work / purpose	Taluka	Village	District	Compt no.	Survey No.	Area (in ha.)	Status
1	Submergence	Sindewahi	Kanhargaon	Chandrapur	1445	23	0.110	Protected Forest
					1422/287	49	27.700	
					1426	86	0.400	
					--	91	0.030	Government Forest
					--	105	0.030	
					--	106	0.030	
					1427	119/1	19.550	Protected Forest
					1427	117/1	3.520	
					1421	127	0.354	
					427	118	1.670	
					140	140	37.160	Reserved Forest F.D.C.M
					141	141	25.060	

		Sindewahi	Samda Khurd	Chandrapur	281	108	10.03	Reserved Forest
					1417	134	1.24	Protected Forest
					--	152	1.82	Government Forest
					--	153	0.03	
					1418	171	0.790	Protected Forest
					--	176	0.12	Government Forest
					1418/1419	177	0.600	Protected Forest
					--	178	0.190	Government Forest
					--	180	0.38	
					--	181	0.27	
					--	182	0.060	
					--	183	0.390	
					--	184	0.23	
					--	185	0.22	
					--	186	0.52	
					--	187	0.990	
					1418	188	0.100	Protected Forest
					1418	189	0.750	
					1419	191	1.830	
		Sindewahi	Tekari Tukum	Chandrapur	--	30	0.67	Government Forest
					--	34	0.12	
					--	57	0.31	
					--	62	0.040	
					--	76	0.015	
					--	77	0.175	
					--	157	0.112	
					--	168	0.1	
					1415	193	24.66	Protected Forest
					--	220	0.082	Government Forest
					--	221	0.610	
					--	222	0.150	
					--	230	0.14	
					--	234	0.64	
					--	237	0.1	
					--	239	0.81	
					--	240	0.05	
					--	241	0.04	
					--	246	0.32	

					--	248	0.08	
					--	258	0.02	
					--	261	0.450	
					--	295	0.086	
					--	296	0.164	
					--	302	0.06	
					131	--	1.51	Reserved Forest F.D.C.M
		Sindewahi	Gunjewahi Kotha	Chandrapur	--	105	0.051	Government Forest
		Sindewahi	Gunjewahi Mal 1	Chandrapur	--	315	0.13	
					--	427	0.020	
					1404	421	0.09	Protected Forest
					1405	408	0.88	
		Saoli	Asola Chak	Chandrapur	--	47	1.090	Unclassed Forest
					--	52	4.670	
					--	51	0.690	
		Saoli	Savangi Dixit	Chandrapur	1626	45	13.410	Protected Forest
					1627	56	0.210	
					1626	44	5.350	
					1626	47	0.040	
		Saoli	Bhanapur	Chandrapur	1603	60	2.1	Protected Forest
					297	--	5.74	Reserved Forest
					298	--	28.25	
		Saoli	Palebarsa	Chandrapur	148	148	12.86	
2	Canal	Saoli	Pathari	Chandrapur	1663	MC 320	0.600	Protected Forest
					--	Mr.320	0.120	
					--	322	0.480	
					--	Mr.336	0.075	
					--	MC.336	0.400	
					--	340	0.120	
					--	379	0.675	
					--	437	0.085	
					1662	MC.381	1.260	
					--	Mr.381	0.335	
					--	718	0.825	
					--	488	0.175	
					--	458	0.013	
					163 A (IP Side)	163 A	2.440	Reserved Forest F.D.C.M
					163 A (SR Side)	163 A	2.300	

					164	164	1.020	Reserved Forest
		Saoli	Kargaon Chak	Chandrapur	1675	28	0.450	Protected Forest
					1675	29	0.600	
					1679	339	6.150	
					1679	338	0.300	
					165A	165A	1.300	Reserved Forest F.D.C.M
					166	166	1.200	
		Saoli	Rajoli Chak	Chandrapur	1565	73	3.260	Protected Forest
		Saoli	Bhattijam	Chandrapur	1706	52	0.480	Protected Forest
					1706	72	0.460	
		Saoli	Ghodewahi	Chandrapur	1704	254	3.433	Protected Forest
					1705	455	0.218	
					1705	454	0.343	
					1705	421	0.525	
					1705	420	0.600	
		Saoli	Kondekhal	Chandrapur	1551	303	0.090	Protected Forest
					1551	302	0.225	
					1551	301	0.180	
					1551	300	0.145	
		Saoli	Singapur	Chandrapur	--	157	1.463	Unclassified Forest
					--	157	0.075	
					--	254	0.150	
		Saoli	Kesarwahi	Chandrapur	--	242	0.150	Unclassified Forest
					--	213	0.180	
					--	96	0.040	
					--	240	0.110	
		Saoli	Kisannagar	Chandrapur	--	258	1.060	Unclassified Forest
					--	245	1.955	
					--	238	0.750	
					--	238	0.230	
					--	159	0.285	
					--	263	0.140	
		Saoli	Hirapur	Chandrapur	--	198	0.063	Unclassified Forest
					--	150	0.525	
					--	146	0.125	
					--	97	0.563	
					--	89	0.138	
					--	127	0.075	
					--	116	0.200	
					--	93	0.143	
					1701	285	1.280	Protected Forest
					1701	286	0.690	
					1701	282	0.725	

		Saoli	Sindola	Chandrapur	1713	267	1.120	Protected Forest
					1713	267	0.083	
					1713	267	0.230	
					1712	161	0.300	
					1713	256	0.200	
					1712	134	0.040	
		Saoli	Chak Piranji	Chandrapur	--	416	0.280	Unclassed Forest
					--	416	0.030	
					--	414	0.850	
					--	414	0.215	
					--	414	0.260	
					--	413	0.235	
					--	413	0.075	
					--	535	0.150	
					--	411	1.500	
					--	410	0.020	
					1703	308	0.440	Protected Forest
		Mul	Bhavrala	Chandrapur	181	--	0.120	Unclassed Forest
					143	--	0.550	
		Saoli	Chak Virkhal	Chandrapur	1571, 1573	Br.88	0.360	Protected Forest
						Br.80	0.402	
						Mr.80	0.060	
						Br.70	0.312	
						Mr.70	0.096	
						31	0.348	
		Saoli	Chichbodi	Chandrapur	1560, 1561	145	0.330	Protected Forest
						143	0.033	
						146	0.144	
						144	0.183	
						171	0.063	
		Saoli	Vyahad Buj.	Chandrapur	1503, 1505, 1506	415	0.041	Protected Forest
						261	0.131	
						83	0.168	
						137	0.300	
						240	0.135	
						242	0.135	
		Pombhurna	Ghosari	Chandrapur	546	223	1.272	Protected Forest
						217	0.525	
						218	1.700	
						218	1.395	
						219	0.300	
						220	0.930	
						221	0.400	
						221	0.625	
						325	0.200	

					221	0.350	
					314	0.070	
	Pombhurna	Futana Mokasa	Chandrapur	547	174	0.586	Protected Forest
					197	0.750	
					271	0.020	
					209	0.249	
					207	0.075	
					162	0.070	
					194	0.200	
					206	0.750	
					207	0.122	
					197	0.938	
	Pombhurna	Dighori	Chandrapur	552, 547	157	0.150	Protected Forest
					85	0.105	
					161	0.360	
					70	0.128	
					70	0.140	
					70	0.625	
					77	0.438	
	Mul	Bembal	Chandrapur	543	917	1.150	Protected Forest
					904	0.450	
					904	1.695	
					902	3.020	
	Mul	Babralla	Chandrapur	--	59	0.42	Zudpi Jungle
				--	65	0.02	
				--	57	0.03	
				--	70	0.01	
				--	29	0.22	
				--	67	0.05	
Total Forest Area (in ha.)						315.74	

Abstract		
Sr. No.	Name of Division	Area (in ha.)
1	Bramhapuri Forest Division	168.86
2	Central Chanda Forest Division	20.538
3	Chandrapur Forest Division	126.342
Total Forest Area (in ha.)		315.74

2. The proposal has been initiated by the Executive Engineer. Asolamendha Project Renovation Division No 1. Mul. for approval under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980. The proposed project dam site is located about 70 Km from Chandrapur District place. Asolamendha Renovation Project envisages Strengthening of 2.96 Km long existing Earthen dam across river Pathari near Village Pathani in District Chandrapur to create irrigation potential 56317 ha in Chandrapur District. The proposed project to raise the height of existing Asolamendha dam by 2.70 M. and proposed to store the additional water through Gosikhurd

Right Bank Canal. It Also proposed to increase the existing command area of Asolamendha project from 9919 ha. to 54879 ha. It is very important to increase the socio-economic status of cultivators in the command area of Asolamendtha. So this forest proposal is prepared for sanction the additional forest area required for increased submergence and for canal renovation networks in Saoli. Mul and Pombhurna talukas of Chandrapur District. The 71.99 ha area involved Reserved Forest F.D.C.M.

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur have certified that:-

- 3.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is barest minimum demand.
- 3.2 The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is 0.2 to 0.6
- 3.3 There are 7501 trees to be felled in the project the Girth wise break up is as under:-

Division	Below 60 cms	Above 60 cms	Total
Central Chanda	1460	26	1516
Chandrapur Forest Division	Difference upto FRL to FRL – 4 to canal area		5985
Total	1460	26	7501

Measurement of Trees upto FRL to FRL-4

Division	Particular	Below 30 cms	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	Above 150	Total
Bramhapuri	Upto FRL	18233	3026	1074	584	348	269	2353
	FRL to FRL-2	23514	6248	2858	1279	712	415	35026
	FRL-2 to FRL-4	3821	4322	1872	788	448	221	11472
Total		45568	13596	5804	2651	1508	905	70032
Chandrapur Forest Division	Upto FRL	5769	7337	2555	1165	563	454	17843
	FRL to FRL-2	5129	6528	2267	1038	503	406	15871
	FRL-2 to FRL-4	1927	2455	855	389	198	153	5977
Total		12825	16320	5677	2592	1264	1013	39691

- 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, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6 There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 3.7 (i) The proposed project is at 27.724 Km from the boundary of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve boundary & More than 10.00 Km away from Buffer Zone area boundary of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve.
- (ii) The proposed project not fall within the 10 Kms. Zone from the boundary of Protected Area. The distance from nearest sanctuary i.e. Kanhargao WLS is 14.600 Kms.
- (iii) The proposed project is 27.721 Km from the boundary of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve boundary & 19.775 Km. away from Buffer Zone area boundary & Eco-sensitive Zone Bondary away from 19.971 Km. of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve.
- 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 315.74 ha. non forest land the details of CA land mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	District	Taluka	Village	Survey No.	Area (in ha.)
1	Yavatmal	Babulgaon	Dabha	93/1,93/1b, 94,97,98,991/1,99/2,100,101/1, 101/1A,101/2,102,103/1,103/1B,103/2,103/3, 104/1,104/1a,104/1b,104/2, 104/3,105/1, 105/1a,105/1b,105/2,105/3,106,107/1, 107/2, 107/3,109/1,109/1a,110,111,144/1,145/2,145/3,147/1,147/2,147/3,147/4,148/2,149,150/1, 150/2,151/1,151/2,151/3,151/4,152/2,153/3,152/4,152/5,153/1,153/2,153/3,154/2,154/3,156/1,156/2,156/3,157/1,157/2,159,161/3,165,165/1b,165/1c,166,171/1,171/1a,172/2,172,173/1,174,177/1,177/2,177/2a,177/3,179/1, 179/2,179/3,179/4,180/2,181/1,181/2,183/2,184/1,184/2,184/3,185/1,185/1a,185/1b,185/1c,185/2,185/3,188,190/1,190/2,191/1,191/2,192/1,192/2,198/1,198/1a,198/1c,198/2,199/1, 199/1a,199/2,199/2a,199/3,200/1,200/2,203/1,203/2,204,205/1,205/1a,205/2,205/3,206/1, 206/2,206/3,207/1,207/2,207/3,214/1,214/2,2	315.74

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2	Yavatmal	Babulgaon	Pahur	728,740,742,743,745,746,747,748,749,751,752,753,754,755,756,760,761,782,783, 784	

is suitable for Compensatory afforestation and management purpose also it is free from encroachment an encumbrance.

3.10 The cost benefit analysis ratio is 43.68 Lac.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 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 Catchment Area Treatment Plan after Stage-I approval.
- 4.4 to submit Wildlife Mitigation Measures and other Forest conservation Plan as suggested by the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur after Stage-I approval.
- 4.5 to submit NoC from MD, FDCM area involved 71.99 ha. Reserved Forest as FDCM before Stage-I approval.

5. Details of Command area:-

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|--|----|----------------------------|
| a) Total Catchment area of dam | :- | 245.72 Sq.Km |
| b) Type of catchment area | :- | Plain |
| c) Average Annual Rainfall | :- | 1320.30 mm. |
| d) Total Yield @ Side in Mcft/T.C.M | :- | 283.24 M.cum |
| e) Gross Storage in Mcft/T.C.M | :- | 120.568 M.cum |
| f) Utilization proposed | :- | 282.00 M.cum |
| g) Full Reservoir Level | :- | 216.50 Meter |
| h) Total Command Area (by flow) | :- | 54879 Ha. |
| i) High Flood Level | :- | 218.00 Meter |
| j) Minimum Draw Down level
(MDDL) | :- | 211.60 Meter |
| k) Maximum height of dam | :- | 22.00 Meter |
| k) Total No. of family benefited
(Population) | :- | 1380 families |
| m) Taluka benefited | :- | 03 (Saoli, Mul, Pombhurna) |
| n) Village benefited | :- | 82 Villages. |
| o) Gross Command Area (GCA) in ha. | :- | 70412 ha. |

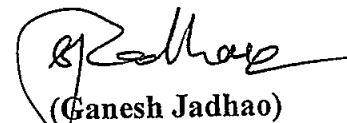
p) Cultivable Command Area (CCA)	:-	43763 ha.
q) Irrigation Command Area (I.C.A)	:-	41575 ha.
r) Irrigation Potential (I.P)	:-	54879 ha.

6. 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.

7. 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 additional conditions:-

- Proposed forest land (Comp. No. 1427, Survey No. 117/1) at Village Kanhalgaon, Tal. Shindevahi, Dist. Chandrapur, is more than mentioned in Record of Rights (VF No. 7/12), Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall make necessary corrections accordingly.
- Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure proposed land is a forest land.
- User agency shall obtain NoC from Private land holders.
- User agency shall compensate private land holders, if any and also submit undertaking in this regard.
- A Fresh marking of trees to be felled should be carried out before felling because marking of trees was done three year back and will not be visible at the time of felling.
- User agency should accept the Wildlife Mitigation Measures and other Forest Conservation Plan suggested.
- User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance, if necessary.
- User agency shall obtain NoC from FDCM.

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.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

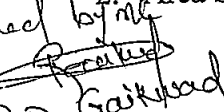
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Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.

2. Area Statement

proposal
Received by me

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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. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur
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/Nodal/Chandrapur/ID-13913/1818/2022-23, Dt.15.10.2022.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bramhapuri, Chandrapur
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda, Chandrapur
7. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur.
8. Executive Engineer, Asolamendha Project Renovation Division No.1, Mul, Chandrapur.
9. Select File (F-10)

Sub: Forest Land- Chandrapur

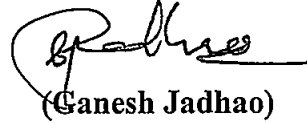
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PART - V

(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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(Ganesh Jadhao)
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