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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
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Place: Mumbai.

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

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Sir,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted the proposal for diversion of 34.1914 ha Forest Land for construction of 3rd Railway Line between Darekasa Salekasa Station in Gondia District.

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

| Sr. No | Item of Work | Village | Survey No. | Gat No. | Compt. No | Length in Meter | Width in (Meter) | Area (in ha.) | Legal Status |
|--------|--|----------|------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | Proposal for diversion of 34.1914 ha. forest land the proposal for construction of 3 rd Railway Line Between Darekasa Salekasa Station in District Gondia in the State of Maharashtra | Salekasa | 196/1/2 | 300 | --- | 120 | 10 | 0.1200 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | 196/1/3 | 304 | --- | 75 | 10 | 0.0750 | Z.J. F.D |
| 2 | | Dhansuwa | 1 | 86 | --- | 140 | 10 | 0.1400 | U.F |
| | | | 39 | 74 | Pad | 140 | 10 | 0.1400 | U.F |
| | | | 22 | Road | --- | 14 | 22 | 0.0380 | -- |
| | | | 27/1 | 26 | --- | 130 | 21 | 0.2730 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | | | --- | 92 | 27 | 0.2484 | |
| | | | 45 | 23 | --- | 165 | 40 | 0.6600 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | | | --- | 280 | 35 | 0.9800 | |
| | | | 44 | Nala | 280 | 325 | 10 | 0.3250 | -- |
| 3 | | Nawatola | 44/1 | 369 | --- | 75 | 95 | 0.7125 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | | | --- | 27 | 40 | 0.1080 | |
| | | | | | --- | 48 | 47 | 0.2256 | |
| | | | | | --- | 92 | 60 | 0.5520 | |
| | | | | | --- | 32 | 80 | 0.2560 | |
| | | | | | --- | 30 | 50 | 0.1500 | |
| | | | | | --- | 27 | 17 | 0.0969 | |
| | | | | | --- | 44 | 43 | 0.1892 | |
| | | | 44/1 | 369 | --- | 63 | 45 | 0.2835 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | | | --- | 35 | 30 | 0.1050 | |
| | | | 38 | 366 | --- | 138 | 55 | 0.7590 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | | | --- | 100 | 65 | 0.6500 | |
| | | | | | --- | 10 | 50 | 0.0500 | |
| | | | 41/3 | 357 | --- | 54 | 35 | 0.1890 | U.F |
| | | | | | --- | 45 | 18 | 0.0810 | |
| | | | 176 | 358 | --- | 60 | 20 | 0.1200 | Z.J. R.D |
| | | | 71/1 | 347 | --- | 90 | 25 | 0.2250 | |
| | | | | | --- | 165 | 5 | 0.0825 | |
| | | | | | --- | 25 | 20 | 0.0500 | |
| | | | 71/1 | 347 | --- | 8 | 18 | 0.0144 | Z.J. R.D |
| | | | | | --- | 25 | 18 | 0.0450 | |
| | | | 71/1 | Road | --- | 8 | 18 | 0.0144 | Z.J. R.D |

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|----------------------|-----|-----|---------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| 4 | | | | 344 | --- | 11 | 10 | 0.0110 | |
| | | | 59/3,61 | 342 | --- | 50 | 25 | 0.1250 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | 59/1 | 343 | --- | 100 | 95 | 0.9500 | |
| | | | | | --- | 55 | 65 | 0.3375 | |
| | | | | | --- | 90 | 80 | 0.7200 | |
| | | | | | --- | 62 | 40 | 0.2480 | |
| | | | | | --- | 45 | 30 | 0.1350 | |
| | | | 60/1 | 237 | --- | 100 | 110 | 1.1000 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | | | --- | 35 | 130 | 0.4550 | |
| | | | | | --- | 87 | 104 | 0.9048 | |
| | | | | | --- | 196 | 30 | 0.5880 | |
| | | | | | --- | 70 | 70 | 0.4900 | |
| | | | 253 | Nala | --- | 30 | 4 | 0.0120 | R.F |
| | | | | | --- | 15 | 60 | 0.0900 | |
| | | | 291/1 | 234 | --- | 138 | 60 | 0.8280 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | | | --- | 60 | 27 | 0.1620 | |
| | | | | | --- | 170 | 56 | 0.9520 | |
| | | | 291/1 | 234 | --- | 42 | 60 | 0.2520 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | 254 | 236 | --- | 65 | 55 | 0.3375 | R.F |
| | | | 249 | 187 | --- | 155 | 50 | 0.7750 | R.F |
| | | | | | --- | 290 | 40 | 1.1600 | |
| | | | 249/1 | 185 | --- | 45 | 32 | 0.1440 | R.F |
| | | | | | --- | 247 | 60 | 1.4820 | |
| | | | 249/2 | 192 | --- | 130 | 26 | 0.3380 | R.F |
| | | | | | --- | 45 | 32 | 0.1440 | |
| | | | 249/3 | 193 | --- | 40 | 25 | 0.1000 | R.F |
| | | | 247/2 | 194 | --- | 65 | 18 | 0.1170 | R.F |
| | | | 240/2 | 196 | --- | 38 | 14 | 0.0532 | |
| | | | | | --- | 65 | 25 | 0.1625 | |
| | | | | | --- | 85 | 45 | 0.3825 | |
| | | | 240/2 | 196 | --- | 90 | 70 | 0.6300 | R.F |
| | | | 240/1 | 197 | --- | 130 | 85 | 1.1050 | R.F |
| | | | 239 | Nala | --- | 105 | 12 | 0.1260 | R.F |
| | | | 238 | 198 | --- | 30 | 100 | 0.3000 | R.F |
| | | | | | --- | 90 | 95 | 0.8550 | |
| | | | | | --- | 102 | 66 | 0.6732 | |
| | | | | | --- | 90 | 60 | 0.5400 | |
| | | | 234 | 172 | --- | 150 | 22 | 0.3300 | R.F |
| | | | | | --- | 98 | 35 | 0.3430 | |
| | | | | | --- | 50 | 45 | 0.2250 | |
| | | | | | --- | 165 | 68 | 1.1220 | |
| | | | 233 | 168 | --- | 45 | 45 | 0.2025 | Z.J. F.D |
| | | | 214 | 167 | --- | 46 | 78 | 0.3588 | U.F |
| | | | | | --- | 38 | 75 | 0.2850 | |
| | | | | | --- | 66 | 85 | 0.5610 | |
| | | | 214 | Road | --- | 31 | 82 | 0.2542 | U.F |
| | | | 214 | 166 | --- | 57 | 30 | 0.1710 | U.F |
| Jamakudo | 1 | 420 | --- | 40 | 9 | 0.0360 | P.F | | |
| | | | --- | 25 | 5 | 0.0125 | | | |
| | | 3 | 421 | --- | 15 | 122 | 0.1830 | | |
| | | | | --- | 145 | 130 | 1.8850 | | |
| | | | | --- | 75 | 20 | 0.1500 | | |
| | | | | --- | 90 | 125 | 1.1250 | | |
| | | | | --- | 38 | 95 | 0.3610 | | |
| 3 | 422 | --- | 75 | 108 | 0.8100 | | | | |
| Forest Land (in ha.) | | | | | | | | 34.1914 | |

3. The proposal has been initiated by the Deputy Chief Engineer (Con.), South East Railway, Gondia for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed Railway Line between Rajnandgaon-Kalumna forms a part of Howrah Mumbai trunk route. Due to the construction of third Railway Line between Darekasa-Salekasa station in Gondia District shall facilitate transportation of freight and traffic movement. This route is nerve centre of Railway by virtue of connecting trunk route of Howrah Mumbai line and plays an important role for mode of transportation.

4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia Forest Division, Gondia has certified that:-

- 4.1 no suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is minimum.
- 4.2 the area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density 0.1 to 0.7 (Open Forest)
- 4.3 there are 3132 trees of various species involved in implementation of the Project.
- 4.4 the area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 4.5 proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 4.6 there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 4.7 the proposed area for the project is beyond 10 km from the boundary of the Protected Area.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 and proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 68.50 ha. Forest land in Compartment No.489, 475, 478, 834,168 of village Manegaon, Kumbhartoli, Birsi, Kohmara, Duggipar Dist. Gondia and it is suitable for afforestation and free from encroachment and encumbrances.
- 4.10 The Deputy Director, Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve, Gondia has certified that the aforesaid project is not included in the National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary or Buffer Zone / Eco Sensitive Zone of the Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve.

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

- 5.1 agrees to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 5.2 agrees to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
- 5.3 the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been applied and is under process and shall be submitted at an earliest.
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 on the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

8. 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 at earlier.

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16/02/2021
(Arvind Apte)

O/C Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Arvind Apte

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Revenue and Forests Department
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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. Commitment from the applicant for defraying the cost of compensatory plantation.
5. An undertaking of Project Authority for Net Present Value.
6. Brief note of the project from the project authority
7. Map of proposed land for Compensatory Afforestation
8. Site Inspection Report.
9. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/NC/I/ID-1183/20-21, Dt. 05.02.2021.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O. (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia.
6. Deputy Chief Engineer (Con.), South East Railway, Gondia.
7. Select File- F-10.

Proposal Received
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