

## Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2722/CR-191/F-10

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

Dated: 06.09.2022

To,

Regional Officer (Central),  
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,  
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

### Subject: Forest Land-Nanded

Diversion of 8.4771 ha. of forest land for up-gradation and widening from existing 2 lane to 2 lane with Paved Shoulder configuration of Mudked-Bhokar NH-161 A Section from km 22.00 km 43.00 of 21.00 km length in Mudkhed & Bhokar Talukas of Nanded District in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 8.4771 ha. of forest land for up-gradation and widening from existing 2 lane to 2 lane with Paved Shoulder configuration of Mudked-Bhokar NH-161 A Section from km 22.00 km 43.00 of 21.00 km length in Mudkhed & Bhokar Talukas of Nanded District in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Patch	Chainage	District	Taluka	Village	Compt. No.	Gut. No.	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (Sq.m)	Area (Ha)	Legal Status
P-1	5+370 to 5+717	NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	70	329.1111	18	5923.9998	0.5924	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	77	17.5560	18	316.0080	0.0316	R.F.
Total P-1							346.6671		6240.0078	0.6240	
P-2	5+845 to 6+258	NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	80	65.3889	18	1177.0002	0.1177	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	81	309.1667	18	5565.0006	0.5565	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	84	38.4444	18	691.9992	0.0692	R.F.
Total P-2							413.0000		7434.0000	0.7434	
P-3	6+258 to 7+081	NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	82	175.6667	9	1581.0003	0.1581	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	84	171.3333	9	1541.9997	0.1542	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	83	187.2222	9	1684.9998	0.1685	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	33	288.3333	9	2594.9997	0.2595	R.F.
Total P-3							822.5555		7402.9995	0.7403	

P-4	7+276 to 8+550	NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	33	616.7778	18	11102.0004	1.1102	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	33	237.8333	30	7134.9990	0.7135	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	404	34	419.5556	18	7552.0008	0.7552	R.F.
Total P-4							1274.1667		25789.0002	2.5789	
P-5	8+966 to 9+709	NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	405	33	277.6111	18	4996.9998	0.4997	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	405	18	329.0000	18	5922.0000	0.5922	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	405	17	32.3333	18	581.9994	0.0582	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	405	16	30.0000	18	540.0000	0.0540	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	405	15	25.6667	18	462.0006	0.0462	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	405	14	21.0000	18	378.0000	0.0378	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	DORLI	405	13	27.0000	18	486.0000	0.0486	R.F.
Total P-5							742.6111		13366.9998	1.3367	
P-6	12+807 to 13+390	NANDED	BHOKAR	PANDHU RNA	432A	42	400.8333	18	7214.9994	0.7215	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	PANDHU RNA	432A	42	182.0667	30	5462.0010	0.5462	R.F.
Total P-6							582.9000		12677.0004	1.2677	
P-7	13+390 to 13+930	NANDED	BHOKAR	RITHA	413B, 414	203	177.9000	30	5337.0000	0.5337	R.F.
		NANDED	BHOKAR	RITHA	413B, 414	203	362.4444	18	6523.9992	0.6524	R.F.
Total P-7							540.3444		11860.9992	1.1861	
Total Forest Land (in ha.)									84771.0069	8.4771	

2. The proposal has been initiated by the the Executive Engineer, P.W.Division Bhokar, Dist. Nanded for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The User Agency has given justification for locating the project in forest land that Mukhed-Bhokar Road National Highway-161A section from km 22.000 to 43.000 is currently 3.75 m wide road. The road to Bhokar is in bad condition at present. Since Bhokar is close to the Telangana border, the area observes heavy traffic for Nirmal, Mheasa, Adilabad and Kinwat. This traffic is obstructed due to narrow road warranting its up-gradation including improvement of highway geometrics. The National Highway Division has entrusted Public Works Department (PWD), Bhokar with the responsibility of up-gradation and widening of the above road section of NH-161A from km 22.000 to 43.000 of 21 km length. In the 21 km length. In the 21 km project alignment length, 2.80 km length is proposed to be upgraded to 4-lane configuration, 17.40 km to two-lane with paved shoulder configuration and remaining 0.80 km to Cement concrete within the villages. The proposed up-gradation is on the existing carriageway including realignments for improvement of highway geometrics that have been finalized after detailed site investigations, surveys and codal provisions. The requirement of

additional area for the proposed up-gradation in some existing and re-alignment portions that are falling on the forest land which could not be avoided has been kept minimum. The total non-forest area involved in the project is 27.37 ha.

**3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nanded has certified that:-**

- 3.1 No suitable alternate non-forest land is available and demand for the forest land is minimum.
- 3.2 Provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under its have been violated in the proposed project. The detailed Violation report is enclosed in the proposal.
- 3.3 The proposed area belongs to Eco value class-III, Dense Forest having density below 0.04.
- 3.4 There are 1683 trees cutting and felling involved in the project.

Girth wise details is as under:-

15-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-135	136-150	>150	Total
869	485	198	71	22	15	12	3	5	3	1683

- 3.5 The Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary is at an approximate radial distance of 42.76 km. from area proposed for diversion.
- 3.6 Proposed area is not included in National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature Reserve.
- 3.7 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 8.4771 ha. Non-Forest land at Village-Gundawal, Tehsil-Mahur, Range-Mahur Survey/Gut No.70. This area is suitable for afforestation and management purpose and also it is free from encroachment.
- 3.8 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.9 The project is extremely site-specific and no alternative non-forest land can be used for the propose
- 3.10. CA Scheme for Ten years.

**4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-**

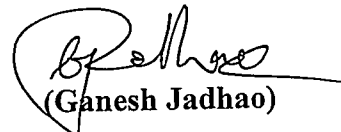
- 4.1 to bear the cost of exploitation of felling of trees and their allied works in forest land.
- 4.2 to bear the cost of Compensatory afforestation.
- 4.3 to bear the cost of Net Present Value.
- 4.4 Whatever Penalties will be imposed regarding the violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 User Agency is ready to pay the same.
- 4.5 to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so, determined as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4.6 to submit compliance under FRA-2006

5. MoEF&CC has issued guidelines regarding processing of proposals involving ex-post facto approval vide letter dt.22.03.2022, accordingly proposal may be submitted to Ministry level (Head Quarter).
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 as well as following additional condition:-

“User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights (Gat No. 13 to 18), of proposed land for diversion before Stage-I approval.”

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

**Encl:** A) Set of case papers

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.
7. Violation Report

**Copy:**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur

4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Aurangabad/ID-13753/686/2022-23, Dt.22.06.2022.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Aurangabad
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nanded.
7. The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhokar, Dist. Nanded.
- ✓ 8. Select File (F-10)

**Sub: Forest Land-Nanded**

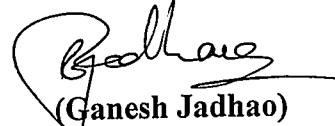
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**PART - V**

(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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