

## Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-1823/CR-218/F-10

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

Dated:- 27.07.2023.

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

### Subject: Forest Land-Ahmednagar

Diversion of 3.90 ha. Reserve Forest land in favour of National Highway Division Nashik for Rahabillitation and Up-gradation of the newly declared jamkhed to Sautada National Highway 548-D Km 195.375 to Km 208.774 in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/152831/2022)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 3.90 ha. Reserve Forest land in favour of National Highway Division Nashik for Rahabillitation and Up-gradation of the newly declared jamkhed to Sautada National Highway 548-D Km 195.375 to Km 208.774 in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/152831/2022)

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

Sr. No.	Project	Village	Taluka	Survey No.	Gut. No.	Length X Width	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1.	Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of the newly declared Jamkhed to Sautada National Highway No. 548D	Moha	Jamkhed	122	106	1300 X 30	3.90	Reserved Forest
Total Forest land involved area (in ha.)							3.90	

2. The proposal has been initiated by the Executive Engineer, National Highway Division. Nashik for approval under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said project is for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of the newly declared National Highway NH-548 D.

Jamkhed-Lehnewadi- Sautada Road. The project road under consideration from Jamkhed (Km 195.375) to Sautada (Km 208.774), Design Length -13.399 Km in the State of Maharashtra for up-gradation to 2-lane with pavaed shoulder 4-lane configuration.

This highway is an importance link between Jamkhed and Sautada the two towns Ahmednagar district as well as falls under one of the important agriculture zone in the state. The project road further connects to important cities of Maharashtra and Gujarat. There is requirement of diversion of forest land Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of the newly declared NHL. The up-gradation will help to improve the better, shortest and economical route to travel from Jamkhed to Sautada.

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

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
- 3.2) There is no violation of FCA, 1980.
- 3.3) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 8.00 ha. degraded forest land in Survey/Gut No.87 at Village-Nehuli, Taluka-Jamkhed, District. Ahmednagar and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and also it if free from encroachment and encumbrances.
- 3.4) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious archaeological or recreational Importance.
- 3.5) The proposed project is not included in any National Park or Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature reserve.
- 3.6) There are 257 trees cutting and felling involved in the project. Girth wise details is as under-

Tree Girth in Cm.							
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	151-180	Above 180	Total
3	197	40	9	6	1	1	257

- 3.7) The proposed project area belongs to Eco-value class-III and having density below 0.01 Open Forest.
- 3.8) Proposed project site is not within 10 km from any National Park or Sanctuary.
- 3.9) 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. **The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-**

- 4.1 to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
- 4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4.3 to bear the cost of clearance / removal of the vegetation growth from the proposed forest land.
- 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 condition:-

*User Agency shall submit Record of Rights of CA land at village-Nehuli, (Survey/Gut No.87), before granting working permission.*

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  
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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
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 IV.

**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-152831/Nashik/852, Dt. 20.06.2023.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nashik.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ahmednagar.
6. The Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Nashik.
7. Select File (F-10)

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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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