

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items		Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)		: Diversion of Reserved Forest land 0.1772 Ha. for laying underground Electric cable and construction of control room, at village Gharapuri, Tal. Uran, Dist. Raigad.
	Location i)	Division	: Alibag Forest Division.
	ii)	Range	: Uran
	iii)	Round	: Gharapuri
	iv)	S.No.	: Reserved Forest of village Panvel S.No. 38, 66, 40/B, 55 and 59A of village Gharapuri, Tal. Uran, Dist. Raigad.
2.	Name of the User Agency		: Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. Panvel (U) Division, Panvel.
3.	Date of site inspection		: 05/09/2017.
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion		: 0.1772 ha. Reserved Forest Land
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land		: Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No.
	b) Density of the forest		: The density is below 0.4
6.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined		: Yes. Required forestland is barest minimum and unavoidable.
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof		: No.
8.	a.	Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not	: No.

	b.	Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	:	Nil.
	c.	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	The Project area is beyond 10 Km. from Karnala Bird Sanctuary and this project area does not falls in Karnala Bird Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone.
	d.	Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	:	There is no adverse effect on the wildlife and birds in the sanctuary or Eco-Sensitive Zone.
	e.	Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If, yes, reason therefore	:	No.
9.		Details of vegetation		
	a.	Total number of trees to be felled:	:	Nil.
	b.	Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	:	Nil.
	c.	Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	:	Nil.
	d.	Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	Nil.
10.		Background note on the proposal (short summary)	:	Project summary attached on Page No.
11.		Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached	:	Yes. Violation is noticed. Details are mentioned in detailed note.
12.		Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	:	No.

13.	Details on catchments and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	: Nil
	Status of catchments area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	: Nil
14.	Utility of the Project	: This project is for laying of underground electric cable and construction of control room to provide electricity to villages which are in dark.
15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion	: No.
16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	: No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	: Photographs enclosed on Page No.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	: This project is for infrastructure development and public use and which required less than 1.00 ha. forest land. Project proponent is ready to bear all the Government levies hence the proposal is being recommended

Date **15**/10/2017.
Place : Alibag

(Maneesh Kumar)
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Deputy Conservator of Forest
Alibag

Site Inspection Note

The under signed has inspected the proposed site on dated 05/09/2017, which is proposed for laying of underground electric cable and construction of control room at village Gharapuri, Tal. Uran, Dist. Raigad to provide electricity to three villages.

At present the user agency (MSDCL) has started digging and laying of cable work on proposed forest land, but work has been stopped and forest offence has been recorded against the project proponent.

When the undersigned visited the site, the electric cable has been already laid in intertidal and undersea area. Laying out of undersea cable from mainland to Gharapuri island the site of Intertidal area has sparse or no mangroves. From the site inspection it appears that prima facie there was no soil disturbance, land diversion or damage to the mangrove in the intertidal zone.

Date : 25/10/2017.
Place : Alibag


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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Alibag.

PROJECT NOTE

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., has submitted a proposal for laying of underground electric cable and construction of maintenance room at S. No. 40B, 38, 55, 59A and 66 Reserved Forest land of village Gharapuri, Tal. Uran, Dist. Raigad. There is no alternate alignment is available and the required forest area is barest minimum for laying of underground Electric cable.

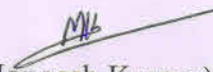
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This proposal is for laying of underground electric cable and construction of control/maintenance room. This project involves below 1.00 ha. forest land, therefore the compensatory non-forest land is not required. Hence, compensatory afforestation is proposed on 1.00 ha. degraded forest land. The degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation from Reserved forest Comptt. No. 608 pt. of Village Varhad Jambhulpada, Taluka Sudhagad, Dist. Raigad.

This project is for infrastructure development and public use and which required less than 1.00 ha. forest land. Due to this project the electricity will be supply to three villages. The project proponent is ready to bear all the Government levies hence the proposal is being recommended for diversion of 0.1772 ha. forest land for non-forest purposes.

Date 25/10/2017.
Place : Alibag


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