

**Government of Maharashtra**

No.FLD-1922/CR-206/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department,

Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 10.11.2022

To,

Regional Officer (Central),

Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,

Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

**Subject: Forest Land-Jalgaon**

Diversion of 6.295 ha. Forest land 24.00 mtr. & 30.00 meter ROW for Up gradation under section-2 of the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Pahur-Jamner Bodhwad-Muktainagar-Barhanpur (Km. 0+000 to km. 78+145, NH-753 L) to two lane with paved shoulder, Tal. Jamner, Dist Jalgaon in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 6.295 ha. Forest land 24.00 mtr. & 30.00 meter ROW for Up gradation under section-2 of the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Pahur-Jamner Bodhwad-Muktainagar-Barhanpur (Km. 0+000 to km. 78+145, NH-753 L) to two lane with paved shoulder, Tal. Jamner, Dist Jalgaon in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Taluka	Dist.	Compt. No.	Gat No	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1.	Jamner	Jamner	Jalgaon	487	857	0.135	Reserved Forest
2.	Jamner	Jamner		487	859	4.69	
3.	Sonari	Jamner		483	270	1.47	
Total Forest Land (Ha.)						6.295	

2. The Government has undertaken the up-gradation of the newly declared National Highway Pa proposal file on page no.99 to 103, -Jamner-Bodwad (NH-753 L). Thus the project is Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of the newly declared National Highway, Pahur Jamner Bodwad (NH- 753 L) starts from Pahur at grade junction of Km stone 0/0 of SH-186

and ends at Bodwad Km 45 + 000 to two lane with paved shoulders/four lane configuration in the State of Maharashtra.

This highway is interstate road and an important link between the State of Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh. The road passes through forest area with less road width which causes accident prone zone. There are lots of curve improvements on the road passing through forest area to avoid accidents. Presently, road passes through agriculture area and lots of agriculture products transport through the project road. Some small and large agro product industries/ factories are located on this road which further connects to several districts of the state. As per standard of National Highway the Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of the road is required in the forest area for curve improvements and widening. So, There is requirement of diversion of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of the newly declared NH. The up gradation will help to improve the better and economical route to travel from Pahur to Bodwad. The forest area required for the non- forest use i.e. Road development is 6.295 ha.

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

- 3.1 No suitable alternate non forest land is available.
- 3.2 Provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under it have not been violated by the User Agency.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 The proposed project area belongs to Eco Value Class -III having Density below 0.4 (Tropical Dry Decidious)
- 3.5 There are 1363 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	Above 150	Total
14	921	316	75	29	08	1336

- 3.6 The proposed project is not included in any National Park or Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature reserve. The Yawal WLS is beyond 10 kms from the Forest are proposed for diversion.

- 3.7 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.8 No identified forest land or acquired forest land area is selected for compensatory afforestation
- 3.9 The total Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 13.00 ha double degraded forest land which is suitable for compensatory afforestation & free from encroachment, details are as under:-

Degraded land									
Sr. No.	District	Taluka	Range	Round	Bit	Village	Comp. No.	Area in Sqmt.	Area in Ha.
1	Jalgaon	Jamner	Pachora	Nandra	Asankheda	Lakh	427	1,30,000.00	13.00
Total Area in ha.									13.00

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 4.1 to bear the cost of Net Present Value.
- 4.2 to bear the cost of clearance/removal of the vegetation growth from the proposed forest land.
- 4.3 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4.4 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. 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.

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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

(Ravikiran Govekar)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)  
(Dr. Ravikiran Govekar)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Mantralaya, Mumbai

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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Dhule/ID-13054/1017/2022-23, Dt. 22.07.2022.
3. Conservator of Forests (T), Dhule.
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jalgaon.
5. Executive Engineer, MSRDC (Ltd), Mumbai Camp Office, Nashik.
6. 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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Dated:- 10 /11/2022

  
(Ravikiran Govekar)

**Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)**

(Dr. Ravikiran Govekar)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Mantralaya, Mumbai

**Place: Mumbai**

**Date: 10 /11/2022**