

**Name of Proposal:** Diversion of forest Land for construction of disaster Management Works i.e. Sky walk, Bye pass Road, Drainage Line & Sewage Treatment Plant at Saptshrungi Gad, Tal. Kalwan, Dist. Nashik

### **PROJECT NOTE**

The saptashrungi Devi Temple at Saptashrungi Gad, Tal. Kalwan Taluka about 65 Kms towards north of Nashik, Maharashtra state (India) as an important place of worship for the devotees of Maharashtra. People from neighborly states of Gujrat, Andhara Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka also visit this place with devotion.

On certain special occasions like the Chaitraustav and Navaratriustav people throng to this place in very large numbers (approximately 15 to 16 lakhs on each occasions) Presently there are 500 steps to climb up and for returning. It is very difficult for old and handicapped persons to reach to temple. This temple which is also a tourist place and hence Forest department has also developed Eco-tourism Centre there.

There is a need of separate route for the ease of the tourists visiting spots like Shivalay Talav, Shitakada and Markanday Temple. They will use trolley to go up and steps in their return journey. The steps to climb up and come down meet at same spot, thus causes congestion. To avoid such situation and as a part of disaster Management, following items are to be constructed adjacent to the Project site. Also there is demand from Saptashrungi Temple Trust, Politicians, Pilgrims, Administration and local villagers to construct following allied. Supporting works are proposed which will require area as follow.

Item of works	Forest land Required				Legal Status of Land
	Length (meter)	width (meter)	Area in sq. meter	Area in ha.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Sky walk	350.00	5.335	1867.25	0.1867	Reserved forest
Bye-pass Road	300.00	11.095	3328.50	0.3329	

Drainage line	A	100.00	1.744	174.40	0.0837	
	B	066.23	1.600	105.97		
	C	200.00	2.784	556.80		
Sewage Treatment plant	50.00		50.675	2533.75	0.2534	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>8566.67</b> sq. meter	<b>0.8567 Ha.</b>	

Descriptions and details of the allied and supporting works proposed as under.

- 1. SKY WALK-** While climbing the temple and getting down by steps there is always congest, which may cause stampeded incidents of such temped have been always observed in other such temple places, which are situated on hillocks and mountains. So to avoid such incidence in future it is better to have separate steps for climbing and returning. Presently there are two separate steps routes. But they are not sufficient for safe and speedy return of visitors and many times congestion is noticed at bottom of returning steps for avoiding such jamming.

On 25 th of January 2005 a stampede occurred at MANDHARA DEVI temple near Wai in Satara District, where more than 300 people died. So Disaster Management Cell headed by Collector, Nashik had ordered preventive measures at this place.


Sky Walk is an aerial passage resting on R.C.C. pillars, with steel platform, Dome & Railing, which is study and safe. This Sky Walk is landing near Ring Road for providing safe journey to the exit point. The sanction of this work was accorded by Govt. of Maharashtra tourism and cultural program department, Mantralaya Mumbai vide letter No. TDM/2009/7/C/No.217 dated 5.3.2011 for Rs. 8.45 Crs.

**2. BYE PASS ROAD**- Enormous increase in the number of visitor's pilgrims, tourists to this holy and tourists place. Approximately 10 to 12 lakhs visitors, Pilgrims tourists are visiting this place. For safe return journey (Exit) of the visitors and avoiding congestion provision of this Ring Road has been proposed. The sanction of this work accorded by Govt. of Maharashtra tourism and cultural program department, Mantralaya Mumbai vide letter No. TDM/2009/7/C/No.217 dated 5.3.2011 for Rs. 1.55 Crs.

**3. UNDER GROUND DRAINAGE LINE & SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**-

In such heavily floating populated area for good sanitation care of visitors, Local villagers the proper drainage system is basic requirement. It will safeguard from epidemics. Also Sewage Treatment Plant for recycling of Sewage will help in keeping environment clean. This work is part of the original project. However this is not included in fenced area and that's why it is taken along the compound wall from outside.

  
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