

## Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2022/CR-290/F-10

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

Dated:- 23.03.2023

To,

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

### Subject: Forest Land- Raigad.

Diversion of 0.6732 ha. Mangrove forest land for establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving Construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 0.6732 ha. Mangrove forest land for establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving Construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No.	Item of Work / Purpose	Name of Village	Taluka	Dist	Survey /CTS No.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	Construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Raliway line, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra	Pendhar	Panvel	Raigad	297	0.33477	Un-notified Mangrove Forest
					88	0.0789	
					Nalla	0.0039	
2		Taloje Tarfe Pandhan nad			244	0.002	
					245	0.00945	
					246	0.1619	
					247	0.0274	
					320	0.0549	
Total Forest Land (Ha.)						0.6732	

2. The proposed project for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva Panvel Railway line and required minimum area of forest area. This project is

infrastructure project and public utility project. The main objective of the proposed project is as under:-

- The proposed connectivity will be between Sion-Panvel Express way through the Kharghar node and to Panchanand Pendhar area leading to Taloja Industrial Belt Bombivali. Ambenath and Badlapur areas.
- This connectivity will be more beneficial to 12.5% Scheme of Panchanand Pendhar which is for settlement of Project affected people as per the Government policy.
- This will be the basic infrastructure for the residents of local area and for shifting of people who otherwise come from distance places.
- This will support the nearby industrial belt with manpower and it's connectivity o development.
- In and around this connectivity, modern physical, social and commercial services will developed which will raise the living standard to urban level and help to reduce this disparities.
- This connectivity will save time, energy and money for the people to reach destination developing area of Diva-Panvel and Taloja Industrial area by shortest distance from and through Kharghar node.
- This connectivity will help to reduce the congestion of traffic at Kalamboli junction and shilphata road leading to Dombivali & Kalyan Industrial & Housing area.

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

- 3.1 No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is lowest minimum.
- 3.2 The area belongs Eco-value class-II, having density is 0.2.
- 3.3 There are 232 trees of various species and trees is involved in implementation of the Project The Girth wise break up is as under-

Tree Girth in Cm									
0-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-150	150 Above	Total
4	42	53	26	48	44	5	6	4	232

- 3.4 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 3.5 There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980
- 3.6 The proposed project distance is 7.2 Km from Matheran Eco-Sensitive Zone, 7.00 Km from Matheran Eco-Sensitive Buffer Zone and 173 Km from Karnala Bird Sanctuary is about 8.2 Km. from Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary. This project will not have any adverse effect on the wildlife within National Park/Sanctuary.

3.7 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 1.00 ha degraded Forest land of Reserved Forest in Survey No. 85, at Village-Turbhe, Taluka Panvel, Dist. Raigad it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.

3.8 The non-forest land covered under the project is not included in the area as forest as identified by the expert committee appointed under the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 12/12/1996. Also this land is not acquired under the provisions of Private Forest (Acquisition) Act, 1975 by virtue of application of section 35 of Indian Forest Act, 1975 by virtue of application of section 35 of India Forest Act, 1975 and is not recognized as deemed reserved forest.

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

4.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.

4.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.

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 as well as following additional condition:-

“Before granting working permission, concerned Chief Conservator of Forests shall ensure that User agency has not started work of this project on Mangrove land and not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.”

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
3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.

*(Ganesh Jadhao)*  
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**Under Secretary**  
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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/Thane/ID-13131(77)/1605/2022-23, Dt.27.09.2022
3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.
5. The Executive Engineer (BPR & HQ), CIDCO Ltd., Kharghar, Navi Mumbai.
6. Select File (F-10).

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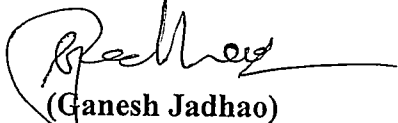
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**PART - V**

(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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