

## Government of Maharashtra

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No.FLD-2021/ C.R.176/ F-10  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.  
Date: 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

To,  
The Regional Officer,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Ground Floor, East Wing,  
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,  
Nagpur- 440 001.

**Sub: Forest Land- Gadchiroli.**

Diversion of 19.927 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli for Link Road (MH-1057) Improvement/Upgradation and maintenance of Kasansur Ghotsur Gundram Bhumkam Road (ODR-16) including 2 major bridge at chainage 2+320 & chainage 5+010 in Etapalli Tal of Gadchiroli District.

Sir,

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Allapalli has submitted the proposal for diversion of 19.927 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Link Road (MH-1057) Improvement / Upgradation and maintenance of Kasansur-Ghotsur-Gundram-Bhumkam Road (ODR-16) including 2 major bridge at chainage 2+320 & chainage 5+010 in Etapalli Taluka of Gadchiroli District.

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

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	Survey No.	Village Name	Compt. No	Length (in Mtr)	Width (Mtr)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	Proposal for diversion of 19.927 ha. Reserved Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in	29/1, 30/1, 33, 136, 141	Kasansur	NE079	1400	12	1.68	Reserved Forest & Protected Forest
2		11,52/1, 57/1,60,61, 62,63,64/1, 79	Kotakonda (BK)	NE077 NE068	3900	12	4.68	



3	favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli for Link Road (MH-1050)	30,118, 119,145, 147,161	Ghotsur	NE069 NE076	1600	12	1.92
4	Improvement/ Upgradation and maintenance of Kasansur Ghotsur Gudram Bhumkam Road (ODR-16) in Etapalli, Tal and District. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra	11,47,53, 80,231	Manewara	NE070 NE073 NE072	2500	12	3.00
5		16,29,35, 75,114	Gudram	NE071 NE072	2200	12	2.64
6		11,17	Bhumkam	NE057	3200	12	3.84
7		60, 106	Bhumkam	NE056 NE055	1806	12	2.167
Total Forest Area (in ha.)							19.927

3. The User Agency has decided to undertake Link Road (MH-1057) Improvement / Upgradation and maintenance of Kasansur Ghotsur Gundram Bhumkam Road (ODR-16) including 2 major bridge at chainage 2+320 & chainage 5+010 in Etapalli Taluka of Gadchiroli District.

4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh Forest Division has certified that:-

- 4.1 no suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is minimum.
- 4.2 the area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is more than 0.6 .
- 4.3 there are 1635 trees of various species and trees is involved in implementation of the Project.
- 4.4 the area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.



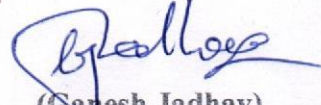
- 4.5 proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 4.6 there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 4.7 proposed project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of the Protected Area (Sanctuary and National Park)
5. As per Chapter 2 of the Handbook under FCA, 1980 para 2.5 special provision for CA for certain categories of project CA shall be raised and maintained at the cost of the user agency on degraded forest land twice to the forest land area to be diverted.

*(g) Construction of link roads, small water works, minor irrigation works, school building, dispensaries, hospital, tiny rural industrial sheds of the Government or any other similar work excluding mining and encroachment cases, which directly benefit the people of the area in hill districts and in other districts having forest area exceeding 50% of the total geographical area, provided diversion of forest area does not exceed 20 hectares..*

6. In the instant case the construction of the aforesaid link road in less than 20 ha. and the Gadchiroli District is having forest area exceeding 50% of the total geographical area. Therefore the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Forest Division, Pusad has proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 39.854 ha. double degraded forest land (i) 17.00 ha in Comptt No. 851 of village Gaul Tal Pusad, Distt. Yavatmal (ii) 22.854 ha in Comptt No. 435 of village Nandgyhan Tal Mahagaon District Yavatmal and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 7. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking:-**
- 7.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 7.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
- 7.3 to submit the certificate of the Collector under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act, 2006.
8. 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.
9. In the circumstances explained in above paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted for the non-forestry use on the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of



Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the same may please be obtained and communicated to this Government at the earliest.



(Ganesh Jadhav)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

**Encl:** A) Set of case papers

**B) The following documents are enclosed:-**

1. Prescribed form as per Rules
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Maps
5. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value and Compensatory Afforestation
6. Brief note of the project from the project authority
8. Site Inspection Report
10. Certificate in Part-V

**Copy to:**

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
2. The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli.
- ✓ 3. Select File F-10.



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**PART - V**

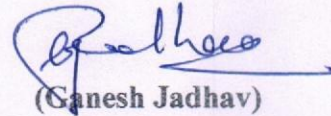
(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the  
State Government**

The proposal is recommended  
vide Government letter

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**Dated: 25/09/2021**



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**Date: 25/09/2021**