

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-1923/CR-139/F-10

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

Dated:- 12.07.2023.

To,

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

Subject: Forest Land-Pune

Diversion of 48.55 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Pune Ring Road Western (PRRW) from Urse to Varve at Vilage Kelwade, Tal. Haveli, Mulshi & Maval, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/154408/2022)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 48.55 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Pune Ring Road Western (PRRW) from Urse to Varve at Vilage Kelwade, Tal. Haveli, Mulshi & Maval, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No	Item work purpose	District	Name of Village	Taluka	Gut No.	Survey No.	Comp t. No.	Length & Width	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Construction of Pune Ring Road Western (PRRW) from Urse to Varve at Vilage Kelwade, Tal. Haveli, Mulshi & Maval, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra	Pune	Bahuli	Haveli	455	637	174	13.209 x 110	0.1453	Reserved Forest
2			Khamgaon Mavl		712	126	242, 243	34.064 x 110	0.3747	
3			Thopatewadi		136	51/1	241, 239	15.473 x 110	0.1702	
					137	55, 56		0.282 x 110	0.0031	
					242	481		1742.8 x 110	19.1706	
					157	67/4		73.56 x 110	0.8092	
					158	68		56.282 x 110	0.6191	
					159	69		15.900 x 110	0.1749	
					155	67/2		1.791 x 110	0.0197	Private Forest
					156	67/3		1.745 x 110	0.0192	Reserved Forest

4			Moradarwadi		465	481A	--	708.909 x 110	7.798	Reserved Forest
					251	256	--	29.218 x 110	0.3214	Section 35
					252	258	--	247.636 x 110	2.724	Reserved Forest
					348	255,25 9/1,2,3	--	47.064 x 110	0.5177	Section 35
5			Maranewadi	Mulshi	341	130	--	57.273 x 110	0.63	Reserved Forest
6			Ghotawde		351	--	--	10.55 x 110	0.1160	
7			Bhare		406/1/A, 406/2/1/2	--	--	9.418 x 110	4.9757	
8			Pachane	Maval	921	86	--	395.62 x 110	4.3518	Reserved Forest
9			Bebadohol		33	8/1, 2, 9/3, 2P/2	--	15.90 x 110	0.1749	Private Forest
					35	9/1, 2P/1	--	42.48 x 110	0.4673	
					45	43	--	451.48 x 110	4.9663	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Area involved in the project									48.55	

2. The proposed project area is Pune District is the second largest district in the State of Maharashtra. Population wise, it is the most populated district in the State. Pune is at the junction of three major highways, NH-4, NH-50 and NH-9 from which heavy outbound traffic passes through each day, that severely affected the infrastructure and traffic situation in the city. The traffic in and around Pune City has been increasing at high rate due to industrial and other socioeconomic development in and around Pune City. As a result, road radiating from the city in all directions are required to be widened to 4 lane/6 lanes. Besides, the vehicles that are required to bypass the city are also passing through the city, thereby, creating traffic congestions. Such passing traffic, if diverted through road network outside the city limits will ease the traffic congestion within the city. In absence of such peripheral connections, the load of external floating traffic is ever increasing on the intra city road network. To avoid the traffic congestion in Pune Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) initiated to take up the development of an Outer Ring Road Corridors for the City of Pune under three packages viz.

- Eastern Alignment [approximate length 100 Km] starting from Urse on Mumbai-Pune Expressway and culminating at Khed Shivapur on NH-48 [Popularly known as Satara road] via Talegaon [Old Mumbai-Pune Ring Road-NH-48], Kuruli

[Nashik Road, Lonikhand [Ahmednagar Road], Theur [Solapur Road], Wadki [Saswad road] and Bhivari [Pune-Baramati Road] and

- Western Alignment [approximate 66.100 Km length] starting from Urse at Mumbai-Pune Expressway Toll Naka. YCEW, and traverses through number of villages/towns viz. Parandwadi, Dhamne, Bebadohal, Chandkhed, Pachane, Pimploli, Kemsewadi, Javal, Padalgharwadi, Rihe, Ghotavade, Amedveth, Bhare, Kasar Amboli, Urwade, Ambegaon, Marnewadi, Mutha, Katavi, Bahuli (Bhagwatwadi), Sangrun, Mandvi, Budruk, Wardade, Mulkhed, Khamgaon, Maval, Ghera Sinhgad, Kalyan, Rahatvade, Ranje, Kusgaon, Khopi, Kanjale, and ends on Khed Shivapur at Satara Raod [NH-48].

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

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is below 0.2 (Very Dense Forest).
3.3) There are 987 trees of various species and trees 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	121-135	136 above	Total
153	173	139	109	85	69	107	73	79	987

- 3.4) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
3.5) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
3.6) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3.7) Proposed project is beyond 10 Kms from the boundary of the Protected Area (Sanctuary & National Park)
3.8) 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.

3.9) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 50.00 ha. non forest land in Survey No.337 at Village Pokharni (Wlake), Tal. Gangakhed, Dist.Parbhani and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.

3.10) The proposed alignment is best suitable from forestry and feasibility point of view.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

4.1 to bear the cost of Net Present Value.

4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.


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 in addition to following conditions:-

- i) *A green belt of indigenous tree species should be developed over ground wherever tunneling is done on both private (acquired) and forest land.*
- ii) *The muck from tunnel digging should not be dumped anywhere near forests.*
- iii) *The Project Authority should compensate for the loss of two buildings in Paud Range by (bearing) the cost of construction afresh.*
- iv) *The area is inhabited by Wildlife like leopards, Indian Gaur, Chital, Hares, Jackals, and Reptiles etc. Hence the project authority should provide for three vehicles for three ranges for patrolling & rescue of wild animals where the proposed road passes through.*
- v) *A corpus fund Rs.2.00 cr. Should be deposited with the Pune Forest Division for maintenance of newly developed Transit Treatment Center (TTC) at Bavdhan, Pune*
- vi) *The vehicles belonging the forest department, forest officers & forest staff on duty should not be levied toll on the proposed ring road.*

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.



(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra
Under Secretary

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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.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/ID-13752(NH)/167/2023-24, Dt. 19.04.2023.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune.
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune.
7. Executive Engineer, MSRDC (PRR), Pune.
8. Select File (F-10)

Sub: Forest Land-Pune

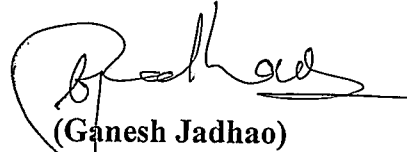
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PART - V

(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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