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

Dated:18.10.2022

To,

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

Subject: Forest Land- Pune

Diversion of 16.6936 ha. Forest land for four lanning, shifting of existing utilities (OFC, Electrical Cable, Water Pipeline) erection of street lights from Dive Ghat Hadapsar section of Palkhi Marg having Design Chainages from km 220.900 to km 234.150 (Hadapsar) of NH-965 of Pune Forest Division and Bhore Forest Division at Village Wadki, Zendewadi, Taluka, Purandar, Haveli & Dist. Pune

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 16.6936 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for four lanning, shifting of existing utilities (OFC, Electrical Cable, Water Pipeline) erection of street lights from Dive Ghat Hadapsar section of Palkhi Marg having Design Chainages from Km 220.900 to Km. 234.150 (Hadapsar) of NH-965 of Pune Forest Division and Bhore Forest Division, at Village Wadki, Zendewadi, Taluka, Purandar, Haveli & Dist. Pune.

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

Sr. No	Item work purpose	District	Taluka	Name of Village	Survey/ Gut No.	Length X Width (In Mtr.)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
(A) Pune Forest Division								
1	Four lanning, shifting of existing utilities (OFC, Electrical Cable, Water Pipeline) erection of street lights from Dive Ghat Hadapsar section of Palkhi Marg having Design Chainages from Km 220.900 to Km. 234.150 (Hadpsar) of	Pune	Haveli	Wadki	787	1296.016 x 33.13	4.2937	Reserved Forest
					786	675.430 x 33.13	2.2377	
					785	1094.63 x 33.13	3.6265	
					807	133.909 x 33.13	0.4436	
					279	172.700 x 33.13	0.5722	
					Road	3800 x 11.87	4.5106	
(A) Total Forest Area in Pune Forest Division						15.6843		
2	NH-965 of Pune Forest Division and Bhore Forest Division, at Village Wadki, Zendewadi, Taluka, Purandar, Haveli & Dist.	Pune	Wadki	Zendewadi	316	186.414 x 33.13	0.6176	Reserved Forest
					Road	330 x 11.87	0.3917	
					(B)Total Forest Area in Bhore Forest Division			
Grand Total (A)+(B)							16.6936	

3. The Government of India has adopted policy of developing National and State Highways through engineering procurement and construction mode for better and safe transportation. To ensure better transportation facilities and to cope up with the

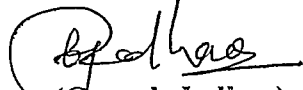
future volume of traffic, the Government of India has taken up a massive programme of development of existing two lane State Highways to connect National Highways and other State Highways and to upgrade existing two lane National Highways to four-lanes. The road proposed for four laning is an important link in the existing road network, linked to emotions and reverence of the people Maharashtra. The Maharashtra's most revered Palkhi Yatra passes from the proposed road. Further, the proposed road is linking interior rural area to National Highways, which are corridor of trade and commerce between Pune and South India. With increased need for accommodating ever increasing volume of traffic and to ensure safety of human life and property, there is an acute need for widening of existing width by alteration and addition of lanes.

4. No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
5. (i) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is 0.01 (Open Forest).
(ii) The area belongs to Eco-Value Class-III having density is 0.1 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest)
6. (i) There are 1351 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
373	432	282	119	83	23	20	5	14	1351

- (ii) There is no tree felling involved in the project.
7. The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
8. Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
9. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
10. (i) Proposed project is 36.25 km from the Mayureshwar Wildlife Sanctuary.
(ii) The project is located beyond 10 Kms of the nearest Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park and Eco-sensitive zone.
11. 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.
12. Compensatory Afforestation Proposed over 34.00 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.27,96,97,98,99 at Village Sarafwadi, Tal. Indapur, Dist. Pune and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
13. **The User Agency has submitted an undertaking:-**
 - 13.1 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
 - 13.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
 - 13.3 to submit necessary compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

14. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal for approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
15. 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 earliest.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

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. 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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
2. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/ID-13942(NH)/1396/2022-23, Dt.05.09.2022
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Thane
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Pune
5. Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Bhore
6. Select File (F-10)

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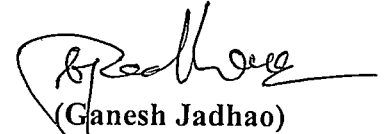
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PART - V

(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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