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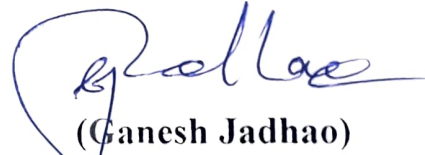
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PART - V

(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
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No.FLD-2023/CR135/ F-10
Dated: 29/05/2023



(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

**Under Secretary
Revenue and Forests Department
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Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya
Mumbai 400 032**

Place: Mumbai

Date: 29/05/2023

Government of Maharashtra

By Speed Post

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Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date: 29.05.2023

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

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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for Diversion of 0.0728 ha. forest land in favour of Assistant Engineer, Bridges, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation for widening of existing Shri Krishna Nagar Bridge near Western Express Highway, Borivali (East) at village Kanheri, Tal. Borivali, Dist. Mumbai Suburban.

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

Sr No.	Item of work / purpose	Village,	Tal & Dist.	Forest land required			Legal Status of Forest Land
				Sur. No.	Length x Width	Area (Ha.)	
1	Widening of existing Shri Krishna Nagar Bridge near Western Express Highway, Borivali (East) at village Kanheri, Tal. Borivali, Dist. Mumbai Suburban	Kanheri	Tal. Borivali, Dist. Mumbai Suburban	11 Pt.	26 x 30	0.0728	Unclassed Forest
Total Forest land (in ha.)						0.0728	

3. The Shri Krishna Nagar Bridge across Dahisar River near Sanjay Gandhi National Park Borivali East in R/Central Ward in a vital link for people of Shri Krishna Nagar. CTIRC,

Abhinav nagar connecting to Western Express Highway. This bridge also carries vital link for communication, electricity & water supply for the locality. It was reported by Assistant Commissioner R/Central Ward office on 12/11/2021 that portion of the footpath on south side has collapsed and is in dangerous condition and slab beneath the footpath has collapsed resulting into a hole in footpath. Also the soffit of the bridge was inspected and it was observed that the slab reinforcement at the bottom is severely corroded, making the bridge unsafe. Accordingly, the said bridge has been closed for all types of traffic. The said bridge is required to be reconstructed. The existing bridge width of the bridge is 26.00 m approximately. As per the recommendation it is proposed to maintain a clear width of 35.00 m or more to avoid flooding in the vicinity. The proposed project is expansion of the existing bridge on the land bearing Survey No. 11 (pt) of Village- Kanheri, Tal. Borivali, Dist. Mumbai Suburban.

4. Conservator of Forests and Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali has certified that:-

- 4.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is lowest minimum.
- 4.2 The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density 0.1 (Open Forest).
- 4.3 There are 4 trees of involved in implementation of the Project.
- 4.4 Proposed project is within 10 km of Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
- 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 Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 1.00 ha. degraded Forest land in Survey No.419, Compt No. 1144 at Village Panchpakhadi, Taluka and Dist. Thane and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances

5. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 5.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 5.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land.
- 5.3 to submit the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

6. Conservator of Forests and Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali has recommended the proposal for approval subject to following conditions:-

- Depositing of 2% the project cost by the project agency for protection and conservation of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).
- Getting prior permission of monitoring committee of ESZ of Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) before commencement of the road works in the project area.
- Construction of cement concrete wall with barbed wire fencing on top of it along the boundary of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park in the patches of diverted forest area.

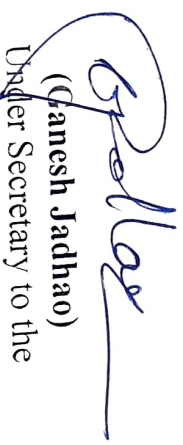
- Installation of one big bill board (Hoarding) of size (4 meters length x 3 meters width x meters height) near the diverted forest land along the road and hand it over to SGNP authorities for displaying wildlife related education contents/alert messages.
- A study on "Impact of bridge expansion on the avian fauna and its movement" need to be done through BNHS.

7. 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.

8. 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 subject to the conditions proposed by the Conservator of Forests and Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur and following additional condition:-

"User Agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance or comply with the mitigation measures suggested by the Forest Department, if required as per prevalent Acts and Rules."

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.


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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 purpose
3. Area Statement
4. 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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
3. Conservator of Forests and Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali, Mumbai.
4. Select File F-10.