

## Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2022/CR-147/F-10  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.  
Dated:- 06.09.2023

To,  
Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),  
Regional Office, MoEF&CC,  
Government of India,  
Civil Lines, Nagpur.

**Subject: Forest Land- Satara.**

Diversion of 3.7835 ha. Reserved Forest under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for of Village Kumbharoshi, Jawali, Haroshi and Malkampeth, Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara for Mahapratap Ropeway Mahabaleshwar in State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 3.7835 ha. Reserved Forest under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for of Village Kumbharoshi, Jawali, Haroshi and Malkampeth, Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara for Mahapratap Ropeway Mahabaleshwar in State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Taluka	District	Compt No.	Gut No.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	Kumbharoshi	Mahabaleshwar	Satara	96	49, 23	1.7775	RF
2	Jawali			101	80	0.05	
3	Haroshi			101	20	1.834	
	Malkapeth			78	206	0.122	
	Total Forest Area involved (Ha.)					3.7835	

2. Earlier Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has not recommended the proposal because the proposed land is part of the Mahabaleshwar-Pachgani Eco-Sensitive Zone. Now, Nodal Officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), M.S. Nagpur, recommended the proposal on the basis of Mahabaleshwar-Pachgani Regional Plan (2002-2022) – para no. 4.5. Ropeway activity is permitted provided it is for public purpose and as per provision of Bombay Aerial Ropeway Act, 1955.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Nodal Officer and Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur has not submitted specific recommendation, Part-4 & Part-3 respectively. It will be submitted separately to Government of India.

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

- 3.1 No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2 The area belongs to Eco-value class-III, having density is 0.7.
- 3.3 There are 187 trees of various species and trees involved in implementation of the project.
- 3.4 The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6 There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 3.7 Proposed project distance is 18.98 Km from Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 3.8 The User Agency has given Compensatory land 3.80 ha at village: Chaturbet, Tal-Mahabaleshwar, Dist-Satara. The said land is suitable for forest department, also he has certified that the given land contiguous and suitable for management purpose. It is also free from encroachment and encumbrances. The area having more than 60% tree cover, Hence no need to take up Compensatory Afforestation on same land. However, the proposed land is acceptable as per Govt. of Maharashtra letter Dated. 27/08/2014 as the area is included in the Proposed Eco Sensitive Zone of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

Therefore, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara suggested Compensatory Afforestation on degraded forest land proposed 3.80 ha. area at village Nirgudi Taluka- Phaltan Compartment No.821, Gat No. 233/3 which are free from encroachment and is suitable for Compensatory Afforestation.

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

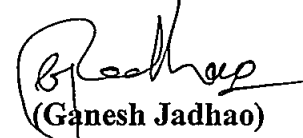
- 4.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 4.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.
- 4.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.

**5. 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 to the conditions:-**

1. Proposed area is part of Mahabaleshwar-Pachgani Eco-Sensitive Zone, therefore, user agency shall obtain approval of High Level Monitoring Committee (HLMC), prior to commencement of work.

2. The conditions regarding wildlife point of view, The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Nagpur will be to submit it to Government of India.

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

**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 for necessary action:-**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Nagpur.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), 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/Kolhapur/(29)/ID-13253/2717/2021-22, Dt.16.03.2022
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, SAIO INFRA, Kolhapur.
7. Select File (F-10).

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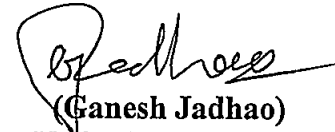
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**PART - V**

(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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Hutatma Rajguru Chowk  
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Mumbai 400 032

**Place:** Mumbai.

**Date:** 06.09.2023

**PART – III****(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)**

14	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests, (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observation made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	No.
15	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in part – B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	Agreed.
16	Specific recommendations of Concerned Chief Conservator of Forests or acceptance or otherwise of the Proposal with detail reasons.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The percentage of forest land to be actually utilized in the ground for erection of towers, upper and lower terminal station is 11.31%.</li> <li>2. On analyzing the list of the trees to be felled, it is found that around 90% of trees enumerated have girth less than 60 cm. and average height 3-5 m.</li> <li>3. User Agency has agreed to handover 3.80 ha at Village Chaturbet, Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara for Compensatory Afforestation. The said area falls in Mahabaleshwar-Panchagani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), and consists of more than 60% area under tree cover. In addition to it, DCF Satara suggested the User Agency to take Compensatory Afforestation in degraded</li> </ol>

forest land over an area of 3.80 ha at Village Nirgude, Tal. Phaltan, Dist. Satara. User Agency also agreed to take up C.A. in degraded forest land.

4. The project area doesn't fall in Protected Area or ESZ of the Protected Areas.
5. The project area falls in Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
6. The project area falls in ESA of Western Ghat as per draft notification dated 6.07.2022.
7. The ropeway project may reduce the vehicular mode of transport significantly, which may result in a substantial reduction in carbon emissions.
8. The Aerial Ropeway Advisory Board has been constituted as per Bombay Aerial Ropeways Act 1955. The Board will scrutinize the ropeway proposal, submitted by the User Agency, along with the NOC obtained from various State/Central Govt. authorities and the board may or may not recommend to the State Govt. for final approval.

Considering all the above mentioned facts, CCF (T.), Kolhapur Circle recommends the proposal, subject to the approval by the High Level Monitoring Committee (HLMC) constituted for Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).

Place: Kolhapur  
Date : 12.01.2024

(R.M.Ramanujam)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (T),  
Kolhapur