

**Diversion of 3.933 ha. Reserved Forest land for construction and up gradation
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under NHDP Phase IV on Hybrid Annuity Mode.**

**Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force)
Maharashtra State with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by
reasons**

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The proposed area is not included in the area of any National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary or Nature reserve.

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(Dr. N Rambabu)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Maharashtra State, Nagpur


10/5/2020

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PART -V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of the Forest Department or any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of under Secretary)

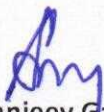
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Recommended:

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Date : 18/08/2020
Place : Nagpur


(Sanjeev Gaur)
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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PART -IV**Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)**


(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

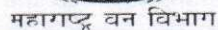
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Nagpur - 440 001, Dated: 18/08/2020

To,

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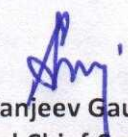
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

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