

## **Copy of note containing Justification for locating the Proposal of Mahapratap Ropeway Mahabaleshwar to Pratapgad in Mahabaleshwar Tehsil Satara District**

Mahabaleshwar is small town in Satara district of Maharashtra state. It is hill station with one of few evergreen forests of India. The Entire area is in Sahyadri hills and is rich in flora & fauna. Mahabaleshwar is birth place of five Rivers namely Krishna, Koyana, Venna, Gayatri and Savitri. The High, steep-mountainous and hills are of great attraction for the tourist in India. Mahabaleshwar has been one of the favorite tourist locations in India due to its rich environmental importance, its climate, and scenic beauty of the hills. Pratapgad Fort is a large fort located in Satara district, in the Western Indian state of Maharashtra. Significant as the site of the Battle of Pratapgad in Maratha Empire, the fort is now a popular tourist destination.

Travel & Tourism, the World Largest industry, is a key driver of economic growth; given the background the development of appropriate infrastructure facilities for promoting tourism would go a long way in developing the State's economy. At Present nearly 18 lakh passengers per year visit the Hill station Mahabaleshwar. Hardly 5% of the above Tourist visits the Pratapgad Fort. The road Distance is about 24 kms., and passes through hilly area, Ghats section. The Availability of tourist buses is rare and tourist has to depend on the Tourist car for the same.

M/s. Saio Infra has planned for tourist to provide the Rich, Entertaining, Educational, time saving & Historical visit of Pratapgad Fort by Ropeway. M/s.Saio infra shall develop an aerial passenger ropeway between Village Mahabaleshwar to Pratapgad Fort in order to promote Eco Tourism in this region. The proposed ropeway shall be developed through Private ownership mode. Pratapgad Fort is about 24 Km (1.30 hrs) away from Mahabaleshwar by road whereas, the aerial distance is about 6 Km from Mahabaleshwar. Aerial

distance from Javali Village to Lodwick point 2.75 km and from Javali Village to Pratapgad Fort –2.85 km. The Main aim will be to foster tourism growth in the area of Western part of Maharashtra & to collect those Tourist flows that today do not visit the Historic Place Pratapgad.

The initial work of ropeway construction will be work out within the proposed forest land. However, the all equipment's and material we will carry by foot with temporary employee so there is no requirement extra forest land for carrying the material and equipment's. All basic construction work will done within proposed forest land.

The project involves the construction of a Ropeway as an alternative to the present bus/car-based transport system. The route will be from Village Javali to Lodwick Point at Mahabaleshwar and Village Javali to Pratap gad Fort. The project is expected to have several, significant, positive effects due to high environmentally friendly transport system & a tourist attraction in itself. Since it is second of its type after Raigad in Maharashtra will be a Tourist attraction points in future.



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