

Justification for locating the project in forest area.

The Taluka Junnar District Pune is declared as Green Zone area by the State Government of Maharashtra. In this area Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) communication centre is located. Hence, in this area the establishment of Maharashtra industrial development corporation (M.I.D.C.) is not permissible. Therefore no any industry is established here. In this situation the number of unemployment in this region is rising.

This Taluka is surrounded by High mountain ranges, various historical places, forts such as Shivneri fort (Birth place of Shivaji Maharaj), caves, famous temples, Monuments, Devrais, Ghats, waterfalls, famous rivers, Dams, wells, Historical monuments, Sonorous stones, Khodad universal binoculars, Arvi communication satellite centre, Plateau, Deep valley, Kukdi river pots, Agro Tourist Centers, Tamasha Phandhari Narayangaon, Asia continent's first Winery Project, Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre, Eating tradition, Natural bridge, Traditional weekly market of 350 years old, at village Belhe, Traditional 150 years old Ane village festival , Ozar & Lenyadri temples of God Ganpati, Boatings, Malshej ghat, Naneghat, pilgrimages, Bhimashankar temple and Kalsubai peak etc. is also nearby it.

The Pimpalgaon Joga Dam is near the bottom of Dosti Agro Tourism Centre. Boating and swimming is going on there in large scale. This place is near Mumbai, Thane and Kalyan metro Politian Cities; it is 75 to 80 Km. from here.

Recently, Government of Maharashtra has declared this Junnar Taluka as Tourist Taluka. It is the First Taluka to be declared as Tourist Taluka in Maharashtra state by the Government Resolution No. TDC-2017/3/C.R./298/Tourism, Dtd.21 March, 2018.

We have constructed Dosti Agro Tourism Centre at village Karanjale Tal Junnar in Malki land Gat No.142 at the top of high precipice mountain. Our Dosti Agro Tourism Centre is at the top of the mountain and there is no permanent water source available, no electricity, and no proper road.

Hence we intend to construct water pipeline, insulated electric line, aerial iron cable for cable car and regularize existing approach stairs pathway which is used traditionally by the villagers of nearby villages for throughfare to Sindhudevi Temple. The Sindhudevi Temple is situated at the highest top of Mountain.

The proposed construction of laying open 80mm GI water pipeline, four poles for laying insulated electric line, aerial iron cable for cable car and existing approach stairs pathway for the Dosti Agro Tourism Centre at Village Karanjale Tal-Junnar District-Pune.

The proposed pipeline starts from bore well Gat No.152 and then passing Gat No.158. Then from Gat No.158 pipeline and insulated electric line passing same way which is adjacent to Kalyan-Vishakhapattanam National highway-222. The aerial iron cable for cable car from Gat No.158 this is also adjacent to Kalyan-Vishakhapattanam National highway-222.

The forest land lies exactly between our tourism centre Gat No.142 and water borewell, electric DP Transformer, aerial Iron cable car's lower point and Kalyan –Vishakhapattanam National Highway-222.

Actually there is very minimum use of the forest land for propose pipeline, insulated electric line, aerial iron cable for cable car **(Cable car's both poles are in malki land and its only aerial forest area is in use. Actual no forest land use for aerial iron cable. The aerial cable car's iron cable which connect two stationary points both are in private land. The iron cable is aerial which is 35 mtr above in air in forest land.)** and regularize existing approach stairs pathway.


Our Agro Tourism Centre is near Malshej Ghat and it is only 2 or 3 Km. from it. In monsoon season there are plenty of water falls flowing at Malshej Ghat. Hence to enjoy this natural beauty, a lot of people gather here from various places or cities. In this area for developing tourism business there are various natural beauties, Traditional arts, etc. are available in large scale.

The above circumstances and opportunities, we constructed the Dosti Agro Tourism Centre at the top of mountain in Malki Land Gat No.142 and high precipice slope of the Forest land.

In above Tourism centre the average daily wages employees are 30 to 35 working per day here & their livelihood depends on this work. The workers are from nearby villages tribal families. They have got job in our tourism centre on daily wages. But there is no basic amenities available.

If the water, electricity and path facility is not provided to us then our agro tourism centre may get closed. Due to this, starvation problem would be created for our workers as well as for us. Hence we demanded the facilities available at the bottom of our Tourism centre and adjacent to Kalyan-Vishakhapattanam National Highway-222.

We have examined all other possible alternatives, but it is not possible to avoid the forest land. The required forest area for this purpose is only 0.121 ha. The required land is Reserved Forest land. However, the prior permission of the Government of India, under the provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, is necessary & essential for carrying any non-forestry work in such forest land. The demanded area is barest minimum and no trees are required to be felled.



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