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### **JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

The road SH- 54, Bhigwan to Baramati is already existing prior enactment of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. To cope up with future demand of expanded lanes to accommodate increased traffic volume and to improve the connectivity, the road needs widening and strengthening.

The road pass through certain patches of Forest Land. The project involves diversion of Forest Land, hence, attracts provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The project requires Forest Clearance i.e. prior approval under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Central Government.

Since, the road is existing and there is no alternative to the existing alignment, the project is proposed/ located in Forest Land. The Forest Land proposed for diversion is unavoidable. The barest minimum Forest Land, to the extent of 1.250 Ha., is required/ proposed for the project.



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