

# SITE INSPECTION REPORT

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Prescribed vide PCCF (HoEF) No. Desk-17-4/1445, dated 05/11/2015

Sr. No.	Items		Observations & Remarks								
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	:	Construction of pedestrian walkway from Thane Railway Station to Vitava (Kalwa) Location: <table><tr><th>Range</th><th>Round</th><th>Beat</th><th>Village</th></tr><tr><td>Central Mumbai</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>Vitava</td></tr></table>	Range	Round	Beat	Village	Central Mumbai	-	-	Vitava
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Central Mumbai	-	-	Vitava								
2.	Name of the User Agency	:	Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)								
3.	Date of site inspection	:	08/03/16								
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	:	Mangrove Forest      0.0160 Ha. <hr/> Total Forest Area      0.0160 Ha.								
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land	:	As per Area Statement attached on page no.								
	b) Density and Eco-value class	:	Density – 0.4 Eco-value Class – I								
6.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined.	:	Yes.								
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not ? If yes, details thereof	:	No.								
8.	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not	:	No.								
	b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof	:	No rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land.								
	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	3.3 km & above								

	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project	:	NA
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons thereof	:	No.
9.	Details of Vegetation		
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	:	12
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm.	:	
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.	:	
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	It will not have any adverse effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.
10.	Background note on the proposal (short summary)	:	MMRDA has proposed to construct a pedestrian walkway from Thane Railway Station to Vitava (Kalwa). This will reduce the risk of the lives of the public who are forced to walk along the railway tracks. This project is a critical infrastructure project which is beneficial to local population.  Proposed site location is not notified as Forest land/mangrove land, though the site location is surrounded by mangroves. The land related details are given in land area statement are as per page no.7.
11.	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	:	No.
12.	Whether the proposal involved rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	:	The proposal doesn't involve any rehabilitation, hence no rehabilitation plan required.
13.	Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable)	:	Not Applicable.
14.	Utility of the project	:	Pedestrian walkway (Skywalk) from Thane Railway Station to Vitava (Kalwa), Thane for public use.
15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any scared grove or very old growth trees/ forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	:	No.  No.

16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	:	No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed.	:	Enclosed on page no.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	:	The project is recommended as it is critical infrastructure project for the benefit of the society.



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