



मुंबई रेलवे विकास कॉर्पोरेशन लि.
(भारत सरकार, रेल मंत्रालय का एक सार्वजनिक उपक्रम)
MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.
(A PSU of Govt. of India, Ministry of Railways)

No. MRVC/W/LA/PKD/Forest Land

Date: 13/03/2023

To,
Dy. Conservator of Forest
Alibag, Dist. Raigad
Maharashtra - 402 201
e-Mail: dycfalibag@mahaforest.gov.in

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 9.1321 ha of forest land in favour of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited for construction of Panvel-Karjat suburban corridor project (Double Railway Line) in Raigad district in the state of Maharashtra- regarding.

- Ref:** 1 GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Nagpur's order No. FC-II /MH-156/2021-NGP/9777 dated 30.05.2022.
2. MRVC's letter no. MRVC/ w/150/PNVL-KJT/Forest land dated 31.10.2022.
3. PCCF Maharashtra state Nagpur latter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID 12768 (70) 2528/2022-23 Nagpur dated 27.12.2022.

The compliance report of stage I clearance submitted to PCCF & Nodal officer Nagpur to Regional office MOEF & CC Nagpur vide letter no. Desk-a7/Nodal/thane/ID-12768/1112/2022-23 Nagpur dated 02.28.2022 & same has been examined by Regional office MOEF & CC Nagpur in detail and queries has been raised and conveyed to state Govt vide regional office letter of dated 20.09.2022. The compliances for these queries for 1 to 5 items has been sent by MRVC to DCF Alibag vide reference at sr. no. 2.

Further, vide letter of PCCF Nagpur referred at sr. no.3 of dated 27.12.2022 has conveyed to comply for three conditions as mentioned in letter, The compliances in details for the same are as under,

S.no.	Stage I condition	Item description	Compliances
1	vi	Site specific 10 years wildlife management plan duly approved by Chief wildlife warden needs to be submitted in compliance with condition no. vi of stage I approval	The site specific 10 years wildlife management plan has been prepared in consultation with DCF Alibag and jointly

S.no.	Stage I condition	Item description	Compliances
			signed by MRVC and DCF Alibag is enclosed herewith. (Wild life management plan enclosed))
2	xiv	The statement made in undertaking by the user agency in compliance to condition no. xiv of stage I condition is not as per approval. Correct undertaking shall be submitted by user agency..	The correct undertaking as Annexure I is enclosed herewith.
3	xx	The statement made in the undertaking submitted by the user agency in compliance to condition no. xx of stage I approval is not as per condition. Correct undertaking shall be submitted by user agency..	The correct undertaking as Annexure II is enclosed herewith.

It is requested to forward these compliance of query raised to PCCF Nagpur for further onward submission to Regional office of MOEF & CC Nagpur for further necessary action.

K. A. Patil
13.03.2023.
(K. A. Patil)

Dy. Chief Project Manager - III

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Annexure I

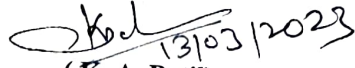
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Condition no. XX

UNDERTAKING,

The project authority Undertaken that, the period of diversion of forest land under this condition will be up to project life & Railway will abide this condition.

Date- 13.03.2023
Place- Mumbai


(K. A. Patil)
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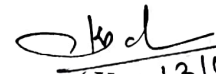
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Diversion of 9.13.21 Ha of Forest Land for the Project of Panvel - Karjat Suburban corridor (Doubling Railway Line) in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. "

(Proposal No. FP/MH/RAIL/43265/2019).

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN



Project Proponent

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd

(A Public Sector Undertaking of Govt. of India under Ministry of Railways)

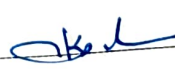
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Introduction

- **MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD (MRVC)**, having its corporate office at 2nd Floor Churchgate Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020, India is a Public Sector undertaking of Government of India under Ministry of Railways (MOR) incorporated under companies Act 1956.
- **MUTP III** was included in the budget of 2015-2016 and it includes double line corridor between Panvel – Karjat Section (29.60 km) on Central Railway. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has approved MUTP phase III on 30.11.2016.

1. Project Details

Short narrative of the proposal and project /scheme for which the forest land is acquired	<p>The Mumbai suburban railway network on the Central Railway has two corridors – i) Main line and ii) Harbour line. The Main line corridor connects Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CSTM) with Kalyan. The Harbour line corridor starts at CSTM and terminates at Panvel.</p> <p>The Navi Mumbai area, especially around Panvel, has witnessed significant urbanization and population growth in recent years. The area between Panvel and Karjat is also developing rapidly and hence there is increasing demand for extending the suburban train services to Karjat. Currently, a single line 29.60 km track connects Panvel with Karjat. It caters only to goods and a few long distance passenger trains. Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC) plans to increase network capacity and improve customer services on this corridor. MRVC has therefore commissioned the services of Omega Analytics to undertake a feasibility study for constructing an additional line between Panvel to Karjat. In view of this, about 9.13.21 Hecter of Forest land is required to be diverted for Doubling Railway Line of this railway having length of 29.60 Km. Which passes through 8 forest villages Belavali, Bhingar, Barvai, Bherale Tal. Panvel, Lodhivali, Vavarle, Tal Khalapur and Kiravali, Vanjale, Tal Karjat, Raigad District.</p> 
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ii	Justification for locating the project in forest area	The other all possible alternatives were examined by us the railway alignment is designed keeping the views of topography. The Project alignment Cross the forest land, there is no alternative non forest land available for this purpose. It was decided to take necessary permission Under the provision of forest (conservation) Act 1980, Hence this proposal was submitted for necessary clearance.
iii	Total Forest area	Total forest land required = 9.13.21 ha
iv	Stage - I approval	As per Government of India Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC)'s letter No. FC-II/MH-156/2021-NGP/9777 date : 30.05.2022, Central Government has accorded 'in - Principal' approval under section -2 of the Forest (conservator) Act, 1980 for diversion of 9.1321 hectare of forest land in favour of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited for construction of New Panvel – Karjat suburban corridor (Double railway line) in Raigad district in the state of Maharashtra.



**2. The Details of statement of Forest land in the Alignment of Panvel - Karjat section
(Under Forest Conservation Act, 1980)
Abstract of Item-wise Breakup of the Land**

SR NO	VILLAGE NAME	TALUKA NAME	OLD SURVEY NO.	NEW SURVEY NO.	COMPARTMENT NO.	CHAINAGE	SHAPE OF LAND	Length	Width	AREA		STATUS OF FOREST
										SQ. MTR.	HA.	
1	BELAVLI	PANVEL	86	136	-	5561 To 5663	IRREGULAR SHAPE	95.35	16	1525.27	0.15.2527	RESERVE FOREST (SEC. 4)
2	BHINGAR	PANVEL	-	26	-	8085 To 8184	IRREGULAR SHAPE	106.63	5	533.16	0.05.3316	RESERVE FOREST (SEC. 4)
3	BARVAI	PANVEL	74	58	-	12450 To 13100	IRREGULAR SHAPE	537.41	17	9136.37	0.91.3637	RESERVE FOREST (SEC. 4)
4			-	36	-	11565 To 11700		134.5	5	672.64	0.06.7264	PRIVATE FOREST
5			-	35	-	11500 To 11565		68.63	5	344.15	0.03.4415	
6			-	27	-	11130 To 11166		45.14	13	586.903	0.05.86903	
7			-	37	-	11370 To 11495		124.4	5	622.03	0.06.2203	
8	BHERLE	PANVEL	-	41	-	8413 To 8423	IRREGULAR SHAPE	11.5	10	115	0.01.15	PRIVATE FOREST
9			-	42/1A	-	8423 To 8497	IRREGULAR SHAPE	78.7	10	787	0.07.87	PRIVATE FOREST (SEC. 35)
10			-	42/2A	-	8504 To 8551	IRREGULAR SHAPE	46.88	25	1172	0.11.72	PRIVATE FOREST (SEC. 35)
11			-	FOREST	-	8551 To 8647	IRREGULAR SHAPE	108	25	2700.0	0.27.00	RESERVE FOREST

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12	LODHIVA LI	KHALAPUR	-	17	-	13951 To 14030	IRREGULAR SHAPE	56.82	23	1306.87	0.13.0687	ACQUIRED PRIVATE FOREST
13	VAVRLE	KHALAPUR	3/7, 3/1	153	-	23100 To 23263	IRREGULAR SHAPE	162.2	24	3893.16	0.38.9316	PRIVATE FOREST (SEC. 35)
14			3/5A	156	-	23332 To 23360		34.38	3	103.14	0.01.0314	RESERVE FOREST
15			15/12A	189	-	23725 To 23881		149.08	24	3577.95	0.35.7795	PRIVATE FOREST (SEC. 35)
16			36/3A	201	-	23925 to 24055		134.71	24	3233.09	0.32.3309	RESERVE FOREST
17			3/4	157	-	23267 To 23332		120.67	24	2896.18	0.28.9618	PRIVATE FOREST (SEC. 35)
18			38/2	207	-	24233 TO 24280		41.66	24	999.92	0.09.9992	
19			38/3a/1	208	-	24280 To 24300		16.69	24	400.74	0.04.0074	
20			38/1	205	-	24194 TO 24249		51.72	24	1241.33	0.12.4133	RESERVE FOREST
21			15/A/16	194	-	23702 TO 23725		21.28	3	63.84	0.00.6384	PRIVATE FOREST (SEC. 35)
22			38/4	210	-	24329 To 24373		43.16	24	1035.84	0.10.3584	RESERVE FOREST
23			36/5,15/A/10	188	-	23881 To 23930		36.41	24	874	0.08.74	PRIVATE FOREST (SEC. 35)
24			38/3A/2	209	-	24294 To 24329		34.7	24	833	0.08.33	
25			3/3	158/A		23315 To 23387		38.66	24	928	0.09.28	
26			36/3	200	-	23928 To 23930		2.5	2	5	0.00.05	

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27			-	166	-	24361 To 24800		424.8 5	24	10196.5 5	1.01.9655	RESERVE FOREST
28			100	26	-	24800 To 25238		680.7 3	24	16337.7	1.63.377	RESERVE FOREST
29			99	25	-	25238 To 25330	IRREGULAR SHAPE	130.7 4	24	3137.96	0.31.3796	RESERVE FOREST (SEC 4)
30	KIRAVALI	KARJAT	92	18	-	25330 To 25600		286.8 8	24.55	11331.9 5	1.13.3195	
31			114	40	-	25851 To 25936		116.4 4	33	3842.65	0.38.4265	
32	VANJALE	KARJAT	65/0	170	-	27080 To 27280	IRREGULAR SHAPE	172.1 7	40	6887.16 9	0.68.8716 9	RESERVE FOREST (SEC 4)
							TOTAL			91321	9.13.21	

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Factual Position of Construction at site

1. *In the above mentioned forest land. Mostly Tunnel is passing through about 3.3. km length (3 nos. Tunnel) where only permission is required for Govt and private forest.*
2. *Out of 9.1321 hectare the physical execution of work only in between 4.908 hectare and remaining forest land i.e. 4.2241 hectare only permission taken where where Tunnel passing below forest land and in that portion of no deforesting or any disturbance to forest land and there will be free space for passage of mens and Animals etc and does not breaking any movement path of animals.*

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The following discussion regarding before stage clearance I,

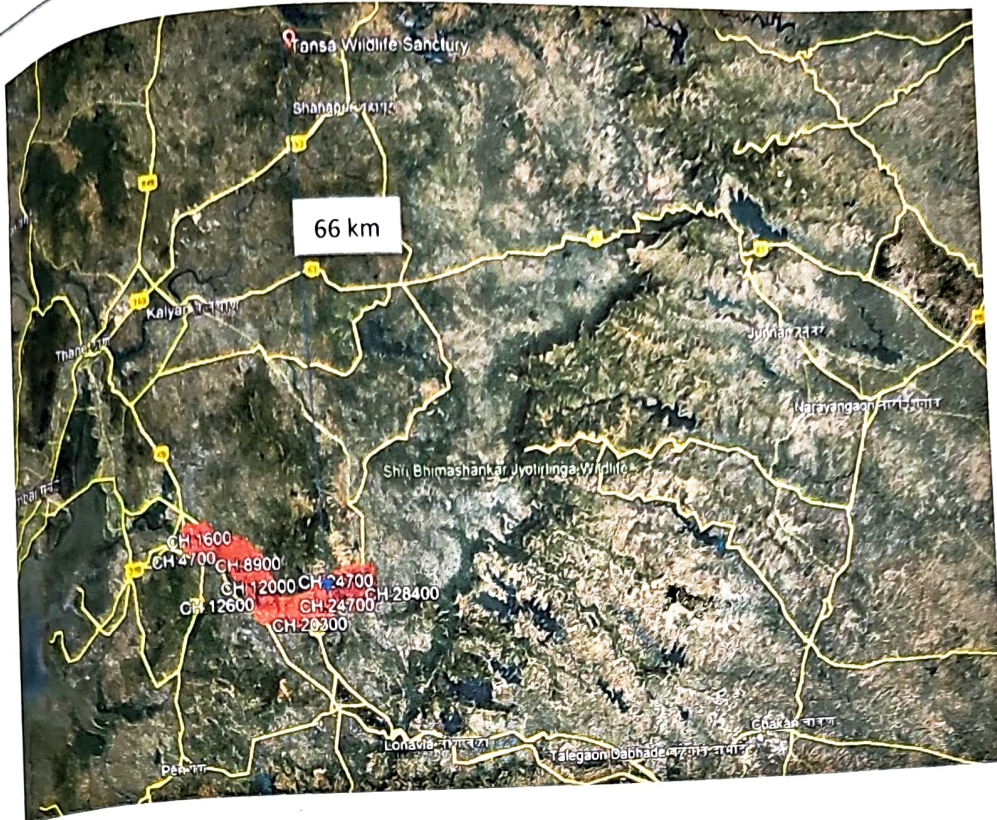
1. Integrated Regional office/ Nagpur, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change of Govt. of India had placed the proposal before Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 16.09.2021.

2. As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur's letter No. FC-II/MH-156/2021-NGP/8676, Date: 29. 09. 2021. The information and remark regarding item no. 1 has been asked, the details are as under.

3. **MOEF & CC Observations-** For detailed examination of proposal comments from PCCF (HoFF)/PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra and District Collector, Raigad on any adverse impact of proposal on local Biodiversity /Wildlife/Environment and Mitigation measures therefor needs to be submitted.

4. ***The details justification for proposed detailed examination on any adverse impact of proposal on local Biodiversity /Wildlife/Environment and Mitigation measures therefor needs is as under.***

- a. The proposed Panvel- Karjat suburban corridor (Double railway line) in Raigad District is beyond 7.46 kms (i.e. 11.1 km) of the boundary of the protected area (Sanctuary and National park) Karnal Bird sanctuary- hence need not be affected on local Biodiversity
- b. The distance of nearest Tansa wild life Sanctuary is 66 km from Proposed forest land detail shown from Tansa wild life Sanctuary is shown on Google map and KMZ file details.



Hence It is seen from the both that, there will not been any adverse impact on local Biodiversity /Wildlife/Environment as the distance is more than 7.46 km and in this project it is about 66 km.

5. Site Inspection, Discussion and Recommendation-

The joint forest site inspection was done on 08.03.2022 vide DCF Alibag Raigad's letter no. व/२०/जमीन/व/सं/४९६१/२०२१-२२ दिनांक ०७.०३.२०२२ at forest land site.

A joint forest site was done on 08.03.2022 along with Deputy conservator of Forest Alibag, Deputy conservator of Forest (wildlife) Thane, concerned RFO and Railway officials.

During site inspection concerned RFO based on his field experience and his office record stated that, the proposed forest land is adjacent to the human habitation and agriculture land and presence of wild animal is not there. Also, incidences of human wildlife conflict are also Nil in the proposed forest land. It was revealed in Joint site Inspection that mitigation measures are not feasible as proposed forest areas for diversion is scattered and in many small patches and absence of wildlife therein.

Considering the facts and discussion during site inspection with forest officials and as per letter DCF (wildlife) Thane's letter no. जमीन /१४८४/2021-22 dated 14.03.2022, it is recommended following.

- To erect chain- link fencing of 8 m height and 100 m length along both sides of the Railway line at both ends of the tunnel (i.e. before starting point and after the end of point of Tunnels) with annual maintenance to avoid entry of any wild animal in the tunnel.
- To install necessary signage/direction boards depicting messages about wildlife conservation and helpline/contact of forest and railway officials to make people

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aware about wildlife conservation and to tackle situation of human wildlife conflict, if any in the future.

Accordingly wildlife conservation plan has been forwarded by Principal chief conservator of Forests (wildlife) Maharashtra state vide his letter no. DESK 23 (2) wildlife /survey/CR 158(Nodal/374/022-23 dated 11.05.2022 to Nodal officer PCCF Nagpur to MOEF & CC for compliance of condition.

The stage I clearance has been obtained As per Government of India Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC)'s letter No. FC-II/MH-156/2021-NGP/9777 date : 30.05.2022. Central Government has accorded 'in - Principal' approval under section -2 of the Forest (conservator) Act, 1980 for diversion of 9.1321 hectare of forest land in favour of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited for construction of New Panvel - Karjat suburban corridor (Double railway line) in Raigad district in the state of Maharashtra with standard and general conditions.

As per conditions no. vi in, Stage I approval is requires to be complied before obtaining stage II clearance. The condition no. Vi I as under,

"User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall prepare a site specific 10 years Wildlife Management Plan. The plan so prepared shall be approved by Chief Wildlife Warden and a copy of same shall be submitted to Integrated Regional Office along with the Stage-I compliance"

1. The compliance for the condition vi has been submitted vide MRVC's letter No. MRVC/W/LA/PKD/Forest Land Date.: 16/07/2022, 20.7.2022 .

2. The regional office MOEF & CC vide there letter no. FC-II/MH-156/2021-NGP/10237 dated 20.09.22 has raised the query of item no. 1 and asked state govt. to submit the information on the shortcomings. The query is as under,

Site specific 10 years wildlife Management plan duly approved by Chief wildlife warden in compliance to condition no. vi of stage I approval is not submitted along with compliance and the same needs to be submitted.

The compliances for the same has been submitted with justification based on joint inspection at site carried out along with DCF wild life Thane and DCF Alibag is as under,

The joint site visit for forest land has been carried out on 8.03.2022 alongwith DCF Alibag, and DCF Wild life Thane. The discussion has been held at site regarding the Wild life. Accordingly DCF (Wild life) Thane vide his letter no. जमीन /1484 /2021-22 dated. 14.03.2022. The details are as under,

"The forest land were the physical work is proposed is adjacent to the Human Habitation and agriculture land and presence of Wild animal is not there, also incidences of Human Wild life conflict are also nil. It was revealed in the joint inspection that mitigation major is not feasible as proposed diversion of forest area for diversion is scattered and in many patches and absent of Wild life. Considering the facts in the proposal, discussions held with forest and Railway officials and based on joint site Inspection, it is recommended to

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erect chain-link fencing of 8m height and 100m length along both sides of the railway line at both the ends of the tunnels (i.e. before starting point and after the end point of the tunnels) with annual maintenance to avoid entry of any wild animal in the tunnel. It is also recommended to install necessary signage/direction boards depicting messages about wildlife conservation and helpline/contact of forest and railway officials to make people aware about wildlife conservation and to tackle situation of human wildlife conflict, if any in the future."

As per query raised by Additional PCCF of Forest Nagpur asked to compliance for condition to submit the site specific 10 years management plan against condition no. vi. Of stage I compliance vide their letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID 12768 (70) 2528/2022-23 Nagpur dated 27.12.2022.

To comply this condition no. vi , of stage I clearance ,

The Discussion regarding requirement of site specific 10 years wildlife management plan with DCF / Alibag on dated 08.03.23. It is discussed that,

The forest land where the physical work is proposed is adjacent to the Human Habitation and agriculture land and presence of Wild animal is not there, also incidences of Human Wild life conflict are also nil. It was revealed in the joint inspection that mitigation major is not feasible as proposed diversion of forest area for diversion is scattered and, in many patches, and absent of Wild life.

As per recommendation of DCF wild life during his site inspection 14.03.2022. has decided , to erect chain-link fencing of 8m height and 100m length along both sides of the railway line at both the ends of the tunnels (i.e. before starting point and after the end point of the tunnels) with annual maintenance to avoid entry of any wild animal in the tunnel. It is also recommended to install necessary signage/direction boards depicting messages about wildlife conservation and helpline/contact of forest and railway officials to make people aware about wildlife conservation and to tackle situation of human wildlife conflict, if any in the future. And his mitigation is sufficient for these site specific location

Also as a specific measures for 10 years wild life management plan , the following extra provisions are required as a mitigation measures for future.

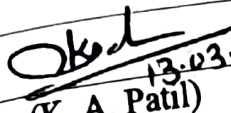
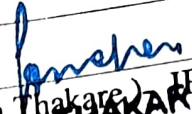
The following mitigation measures are to be provided by user agency,

1. The forest area is 11.1 km away from Karnala bird sanctuary century and 66 km from Tansa wild life sanctuary hence does not affect on local biodiversity. But as a mitigation measures, user agency will provide 25 number CUDDE Back digital brand ^{cameras} to capture the wild animals if any.
2. The trap cameras will be supplied by user agency or amount for 25 nos as and when communicated by DCF alibag to MRVC will

be deposited or purchased by User agency and provided to D...
Alibag in due course.

3. The water tanks of 3 nos of size 10 x 5 m size will be constructed in deep area for the drinking water purposes to animals above tunnel ground surface in forest land as a mitigation measures.
4. One small watch tower will be erected of 5 m (20 feet) m will be erected by user agency in top portion of affected forest and for security purpose.

These mitigations are sufficient for site specific as a 10 years management plan as jointly decided and the compliance for condition no. vi has been complied accordingly.

 13.03.2023 (K. A. Patil)	 (Ashish Thakare) IES (ASHISH THAKARE IFS) The Deputy Conservator of Forests Alibag Divisional forest Alibag
Dy. Chief Project Manager- III Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited (PSU of Govt of India under Ministry of Railway) Dy. CPM-III Mumbai Fly. Vikas Corp. Ltd	

CERTIFICATE

Certificate about distance of project area from Protected Area

This is to certify that, the proposed project for diversion of 9.1321 Ha. of forest area for diversion of forest land for the project of panvel-karjat suburban corridor (Doubling Railway Line) in Raigad District is beyond 7.46 Kms. (i.e. 11.1 Kms) of the boundary of the Protected Area (Sanctuary and National Park) Karnala Bird Sanctuary and proposed railway line pass the Matheran eco sensitive Zone.

Place: Alibag.

Date: /11/2019.

(Maneesh Kumar)
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Alibag.



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Dy. CPM III/ MRVC Mumbai

Date- 13.03.2023

Place- Mumbai

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(K. A. Patil)

Dy. CPM III/ MRVC Mumbai

Date- 13.03.2023

Place- Mumbai



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No. 2205/2021-22 Dated- 14-03-2022

To
Dy. Conservator of Forests (T)
Alibag Forest Division, Alibag

Subject: " Diversion of 9.13.21 Ha of Forest Land for the Project of Panvel - Karjat Suburban corridor (Doubling Railway Line) in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra." "

- Ref:** 1. APCCF Wildlife (West) Letter Out No. Sec-3/Land/FCA/FN 84/2706/ dated 28/01/2022
2. DCF (T) Alibag Letter Out.No. B/20/Land/F.P./4961/2021-22 dated 07/03/2022
3. Dy. Chief Project Manager/III Letter No MRVC/W/150/Forest Land dated 10/03/2022

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) by letter with reference no 1 cited above directed Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Thane to present at joint site inspection of Project area along with DCF (T) Alibag and Railway Officials and to guide for preparing Wildlife Conservation Plan. A joint site inspection was arranged on 8th March 2022 as per your letter with reference no 2 cited above.


The joint forest site inspection was done on 08.03.2022 in which you along with concerned RFO, field staff and Railway Officials were present. During the site inspection, Project Proponent showed Wild life Conservation Plan which was prepared by the proponent. Discussion was held with Forest and Railway officials present during site inspection on various aspects of the project and its impact on wildlife.

During the Site Inspection, Dy. Chief Project Manager of Project agency said that, out of 9.1321ha forest area proposed for diversion, tunnels are proposed in 4.2241 ha of forest area hence there will be no destruction or fragmentation of wildlife habitat in 4.2241 ha of forest area. Proposed railway line is near and along the existing railway line above ground. whereas the proposed tunnel is not exactly along the existing tunnel. Also, out of 9.1321 ha of proposed forest area for diversion, physical execution of work will be done only in 4.908 ha of forest area.

During the site visit, concerned RFO Mr. Bhujbal based on his field experience and his office record stated that, 4.908 ha of forest area where physical execution of work is proposed, is adjacent to the human habitation and agricultural land and presence of wild animals is not there. Also incidences of human wildlife conflict are also NIL in above 4.908 ha of forest area. It was revealed in Joint Site Inspection that mitigation measures are not feasible as 4.908 proposed forest areas for diversion is scattered and in many small patches and absence of wildlife therein.

Considering the facts in the proposal, discussions held with Forest and Railway officials and based on Joint Site Inspection, it is recommended to erect chain-link fencing of 8m height and 100m length along both sides of the railway line at both the ends of the tunnels (i.e. before starting point and after the end point of the tunnels) with annual maintenance to avoid entry of any wild animal in the tunnel. It is also recommended to install necessary signage/direction boards depicting messages about wildlife conservation and helpline/contact of forest and railway officials to make people aware about wildlife conservation and to tackle situation of human wildlife conflict, if any in the future.

You are requested to make necessary corrections in the plan, by adding above recommendations in the Wildlife Conservation/mitigation Plan. Also, kindly take into consideration various provision of Wildlife corridor and Tiger Conservation Plan, if any, regarding proposed forest area for diversion, before finalizing the Wildlife Conservation Plan submitted by the Project Proponent.


(Dr. B N Pingale)
Dy. Conservator of Forests
(Wildlife) Thane

Copy to: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, (Wildlife), Western Region, Maharashtra State, Mumbai for information and for necessary action.

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