

Justification for locating the project in forest area..

The Village Siddhegavhan Tal Khed District Pune has no permanent water source available for drinking water as well as for Irrigation purpose & Also some part of Khed Taluka falls under drought prone area. As need and demand of water for farming activities and drinking we have already construct underground water pipelines from river Bhima to our farmlands. The forest area Gut No.349 lies exactly between the Bhima river and our farmlands of Village Siddhegavhan Tal Khed District Pune.

When we construct the pipelines before 40 to 45 years ago the constructed land Survey No.76 Gut No. 349 of Village Siddhegavhan Tal Khed District Pune was Sarkari Gayran and we did not came to know that it is under controlled or ownership of forest department and forest department was also not possession this land. Since historical times it has been used by public. Recently this land is transferred from Revenue department to forest department and forest department took possession and instruct us to remove

our underground water pipelines which are already constructed and blocked road. While construction lot of money was spend to construct these pipelines. From last some years because of drought or without seasonal rainfall the farmers losses their crops. Therefore economical condition of farmer's is not good. Now a day's Government intends to secure farmers at any cost & in these circumstances to remove pipelines & blocked path will not be beneficial to farmers. At this stage there is no option to examine other possible alternatives because construction of pipeline work is completed before 40 to 45 years ago and in existence Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The constructed and completed pipelines are utilized by farmers; hence it is needed to be regularized with demanded new road for transportation. In these circumstances it is not possible to avoid the forest land. It is unavoidable. The required & constructed forest area of this purpose is only 8396.5 ha. The demanded area is open forest. The

required land is Reserve 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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