

## Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2022/CR-299/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 02.06.2023

To,

Regional Officer (Central),  
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,  
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

### Subject: Forest Land-Pune

Diversion of 0.270 ha. forest land for laying of underground two 500 mm dia pipeline and 450 mm dia pipeline passing through in Forest Gut No.1140 of Village Shirur, Tal. Shirur, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra.  
(FP/MH/IRRIG/149069/2021)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 0.270 ha. forest land laying of underground two 500 mm dia pipeline and 450 mm dia pipeline passing through in Forest Gut No.1140 of Village Shirur, Tal. Shirur, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	Name of Village	Taluka & District	Survey /Gut No.	L. x W. (in Mt.)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	500 MM DI Rising Main	Shirur	Shirur, Dist. Pune	1140	300 x 1.20	0.0360	Unclassed Forest
2	500 MM DI Raw Water Rising Main				300 x 1.20	0.0360	
3.	450 MM DI Distribution line				300 x 1.05	0.0315	
4.	Required Gap between this tree pipeline				300 x 2.55	0.0765	
5.	For Maintenance purpose on both sides				300 x 3.0	0.0900	
Total Forest Land (Ha.)						0.2700	

2. The proposed project for Installation of two numbers of drinking water pipeline 500 MM and one number of 450 MM dia DI pipeline length 350 meters from Jack Well to WTP and from WTP to Late Ali Residential Area respectively and use of road over same land width for day to day maintenance of pipeline and its components passing through forest area

of Village Shirur in Survey/Gut No.1140, Taluka Shirur, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra. Hence there is no alternative and the project is going to supply drinking water to the resident of Shirur. These pipelines are use for drinking water purpose for people in Shirur. So User Agency has submitted proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for prior permission.

**3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Junnar has certified that:-**

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is below 0.4 (Open Forest).
- 3.3) There is no tree felling involved in the project.
- 3.4) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 3.7) Proposed project is not within 10 Kms. of the boundary of the protected area (Sanctuary and National Park).
- 3.8) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.
- 3.9) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 1.00 ha. degraded forest land in Gut No. 1623 at Village Kawathe, Taluku-Shirur, Dist. Pune and it is suitable for afforestation and management purpose and also it is free from encroachment.
- 3.10) There is no alternative as available for the proposed area.

**4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-**

- 4.1) to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4.2) to defray the cost of Net Present Value
- 4.3) to submit compliance under FRA-2006.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
6. MoEF &CC has accorded general approval for laying of underground Water pipelines along the roads within existing RoWs having trench size not more than two meter in depth and Two meter in width. The instant proposal is for laying of a total of 3 parallel

pipelines, where a total width is **more than Two meters**. Hence the proposal need to be submitted to IRO, MoEF &CC, Nagpur for further action.

7. In the circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government.

  
(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the  
Government of Maharashtra

**Encl:** A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Area Statement
3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

**Under Secretary**  
**Revenue and Forests Department**  
**Hutatma Rajguru Chowk**  
**Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya**  
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**Copy:**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/ID-13079(24)/1539/2022-23, Dt.20.09.2022.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune.
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Junnar.
5. Chief Officer, Shirur Municipal Council, Shirur, Dist. Pune
6. Select File (F-10)

**Sub:- Forest Land-Pune**

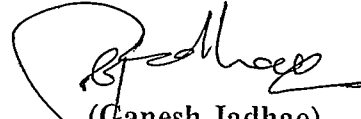
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**PART - V**

(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the  
State Government**

The proposal is recommended  
vide Government letter  
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