

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CHANDRAPUR

1.	Name of Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	Proposal for diversion of 63.54 ha. Forest land for construction of Greenfield Airport, Chandrapur at Village Vihirgaon & Murti. Range- Rajura, Round- Vihirgaon, Beat- Vihirgaon & Murti.
2.	Name of the User Agency	Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation, Mumbai
3.	Date of Site Inspection	Dt. 16/09/2022
4.	Extent (ha.) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion,	37.70 Reserve Forest & 26.84 Protected forest. Total 63.54 ha.
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land,	Construction of Greenfield Airport Area 63.54 ha.
	b) Density and Eco-value class	Density – Approximately 0.5, Eco-value Class-III
6.	Where 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, Unavoidable and barest minimum.
7.	Whether proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof.	Yes, plan is attached.
8.	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.	Yes, It important from Wildlife point of view.
	b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land if so. The details thereof.	Tiger, Sloth Bear & other herbivorous animals move through the area.
	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any protected Area (km.)	8.242 Km. Kanhargaon Wildlife Sanctuary.
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	Since Wildlife Mitigation measures are proposed Intensity of negative impact will be reduced.
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes reasons thereof,	Yes, it is part of Tiger corridor Grid No. 248 (Vihirgaon & Murti C.No. 173, 200,593) as per WII Report on Tiger corridor EVL (Tiger Corridor in Chandrapur District) Yes. It is prepared.
9.	Details of vegetation	Total 3392 tree.
	a) Total number of trees to be felled.	
	b) Number of trees to be felled girth below 60 cm.	2081
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.	1113

	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.	Loss of vegetation of 3392 trees. It is a dense bushy area with less tree cover.
10.	Background note on the proposal (short summary)	To accelerate the Industrial growth & facilitate the transportation to and from important parts of the country, an airport has been envisaged at a distance of about 190 km from Nagpur airport. This project is expected to improve socio- economic standards of the region due to increased employment opportunities. It is also expected to improve economic development of the backward region of the Vidharbha area.
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 involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No
13.	Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable)	Not applicable
	Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	Not applicable
14.	Utility of the project.	Public utility project.
15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/ forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No
16.	Any other important information related to the project (separate note may be attached if required)	On inspection it is found that 10 ha. of Teak plantation raised in 2004 and 20 ha. mix plantation raised are found in this proposed C.No.173.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed.	Yes
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer CCF	Recommended for approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 subject to the conditions of final notification of Kanhargaoon wildlife sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone and compliance report from User Agency of wildlife mitigation measures proposed by WII.

Date :- 06/10/2022

Place :- Chandrapur



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Chief Conservator of Forests
Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur

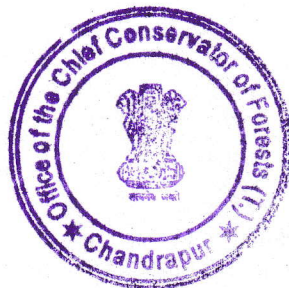
PART-III

(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

1	Whether site, Where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes), if yes, the date of inspection and observation made in form of inspection note be enclosed.	Yes. on dated 16/09/2022.
2	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forest agreed with the information given in Part-II and the recommendation of Dy. Conservator of Forests.	I agree with the information given in Part-II and recommendation of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda Division, Chandrapur
3	Specific recommendation of concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	The proposal is recommended for giving approval under Forest (conservation) Act 1980, subject to condition the 1. The area being a Tiger corridor User Agency should agree to abide mitigation measures as suggested by Wildlife Institute of India.

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