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By Speedpost

No.D-6/Nosel/Satara/Ropeway/23-24/1611  
Kolhapur - 416003, Date- 12/01/2024.

To,

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.

**Sub** - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

Diversion of 3.7835 ha. Forest land of Village Kumbharoshi, Jawali, Haroshi and Malkampeth, Tal.-Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara for Mahapratap Ropeway from Mahabaleshwar to Pratapgad.

- Ref** - 1. GOI, MOEF&CC, Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur letter F.No.FC-I/MH-358/2023-NGP 12395, Dated 31.10.2023.  
2. Your office letter No.Desk-17/FCA-51/Kolhapur/ID-38655/2440 Dated 20.11.2023.  
3. DCF, Satara letter A/D-6/Land/23-24/1248 Dated 20.12.2023  
4. DCF, Satara letter A/D-6/Land/23-24/1249 Dated 20.12.2023

The Chief Executive Officer, SAIO, INFRA, Kolhapur has submitted the proposal for diversion of 3.7835 ha Reserve Forest, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in Villages Kumbharoshi, Jawali, Haroshi and Malkampeth, Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara for Mahapratap Ropeway Project, Mahabaleshwar in the State of Maharashtra. The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as shown below.

Name of the Village	Taluka	District	Name of the Work	Comptt. No.	Gut. No.	Length X Width (m.)	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
Malcompeth	Mahabaleshwar	Satara	UTS	78	206	60x18	0.108	Reserve Forest
Malcompeth, Kumbharoshi, Haroshi			Towers (14)	78,101,96	206,20,40,41,49,23,80	10x10	0.140	
Malcompeth, Kumbharoshi, Haroshi, Jawali			Ropeway corridor	78,101,96	206,20,40,41,49,23,80	3307x10	3.307	
Kumbharoshi			LTS	96	49	30x60	0.18	
Malcompeth			Approach road	96	49	48.5x10	0.0485	
						Total Area		

The proposed Aerial Tourist Ropeway shall be developed at Mahabaleshwar, District Satara, Maharashtra from the Pratapgad Fort to Village Jawali and Village Jawali to Lodwick point at Mahabaleshwar. The land for proposed Ropeway comes partly under forest land 3.7835 ha and partly under Non-forest land 2.052 ha. Thus, 3.7835 ha of forest land needs to be diverted for construction of ropeway. The diversion of forest land will be required for construction of two terminal stations, 14 towers, & ropeway corridor along the ropeway alignment.

Following things were observed while scrutinizing the proposal and the reports sent by DCF Satara and User Agency.

1. The percentage of forest land actually to be utilized in the ground for erection of towers, upper and lower terminal station is 11.31%.
2. On analyzing the list of the tree to be felled, it is found that around 90% of tree enumerated have girth less than 60 cm. and average height 3-5 m.
3. User Agency has agreed to handover 3.80 ha at Village Chaturbet, Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara for Compensatory Afforestation. The said area falls in Mahabaleshwar-Pachagani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), and consists of more than 60% area under tree cover. In addition to it, DCF Satara suggested the User Agency to take Compensatory Afforestation in degraded forest land over an area of 3.80 ha at Village Nirgude, Tal. Phaltan, Dist. Satara. User Agency also agreed to take up C.A. in degraded forest land.
4. The project area doesn't fall in Protected Area or ESZ of the Protected Areas.
5. The project area falls in Mahabaleshwar-Pachagani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
6. The project area falls in ESA of Western Ghat as per draft notification dated 6.07.2022.
7. The ropeway project may reduce the vehicular mode of transport significantly, which may result in a substantial reduction in carbon emissions.
8. The Aerial Ropeway Advisory Board has been constituted as per Bombay Aerial Ropeways Act 1955. The Board will scrutinize the ropeway proposal, submitted by the User Agency, along with the NOC obtained from various State/Central Govt. authorities and the board may or may not recommend to the State Govt. for final approval.

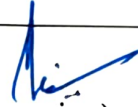
Considering all the above mentioned facts, CCF (T), Kolhapur Circle recommends the proposal, subject to the approval by the High Level Monitoring Committee (HLMC) constituted for Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).

As desired by the GOI, MOEF&CC, Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur vide reference 1, DCF Satara vide letter dated 20.12.2023 submitted the query compliance. After studying the query compliance report sent by DCF Satara, CCF (T), Kolhapur submits the query compliance as shown below.

Sr.No	Query	Compliance
i	The Proposal has not been forwarded to Regional Office, Nagpur in Parivesh portal. The Proposal is still showing as pending at CF/CCF Level (as on 17.10.2023 at 11.25 hrs) The same needs to be forwarded to Regional Office, Nagpur	The Proposal has been forwarded to Nodal Office in Parivesh Portal.
ii	Name of the Signing Authority, Signature and date of submission is not mentioned in Part I submitted by the User Agency. Revised Part I mentioning name of the signing Authority, Signature and date of submission needs to be submitted.	User Agency has Submitted the revised Part I and it is attached herewith as <b>Annexure - I</b> .
iii	Compensatory Afforestation scheme is submitted only for 7 year. As per section 2.8 (ii) (e) of the guidelines, CA Scheme should be submitted for 10 years. Therefore, revised CA Scheme proposed to be carried out in 3.80 ha degraded forest land in Gut. No.233/3, Compartment No. 821, At village Nirgudi, Taluka Phaltan, Dist. Satara for 10 years along with suitability certificate, Differential GPS map and KML file shall be submitted.	Revised Compensatory Afforestation scheme, suitability certificate, Differential GPS map and KML file is submitted here with as <b>Annexure II</b> .
iv	Maps of area proposed for diversion viz. Differential GPS map, Index Map / SoI toposheet on 1:50000 scale, project layout map, 10 Km radius map showing PA's village map, Protected area distance map and alternative map is not submitted along with the proposal. All maps certified by	All Maps are attached herewith as <b>Annexure III</b> .

	DCF concerned needs to be submitted.	
v	Chief Conservator of Forest (T) Kolhapur has not recommended the proposal stating that the proposal is coming in Mahabaleshwar Panchgani Eco-Sensitive region. Justification from State Government for sending such proposal needs to be submitted.	After scrutinizing the proposal and considering the recent reports from DCF Satara and User Agency, Chief Conservator of Forest (T) Kolhapur has now recommended the proposal subject to approval by High Level Monitoring Committee (HLMC) constituted for Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). Revised Part-III is attached herewith as <b>Annexure-III A</b>
vi	Part IV and Specific recommendation of PCCF (HoFF) is not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	Related to PCCF (HoFF) Nagpur Office.
vii	Girth wise complete enumeration list of trees proposed to be felled in the proposal is not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	Girth wise complete enumeration list of trees attached herewith <b>Annexure IV</b> .
viii	Details of employment potential in terms of man day of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be submitted.	Details of employment potential in terms of man day of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons attached herewith <b>Annexure V</b> .

Encl.: As above.

  
 (R.M.Ramanujam)  
**Chief Conservator of Forest (T),  
 Kolhapur.**

- ✓ **Copy to:** Deputy Conservator of Forest Satara for information & necessary action.  
**Copy to:** Chief Executive officer, SAIO INFRA, Kolhapur for information & necessary action.



### PART – III

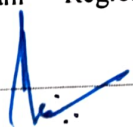
(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

14	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests, (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observation made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	No.
15	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in part – B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	Agreed.
16	Specific recommendations of Concerned Chief Conservator of Forests or acceptance or otherwise of the Proposal with detail reasons.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The percentage of forest land to be actually utilized in the ground for erection of towers, upper and lower terminal station is 11.31%.</li><li>2. On analyzing the list of the trees to be felled, it is found that around 90% of trees enumerated have girth less than 60 cm. and average height 3-5 m.</li><li>3. User Agency has agreed to handover 3.80 ha at Village Chaturbet, Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara for Compensatory Afforestation. The said area falls in Mahabaleshwar-Panchagani Region Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), and consists of more than 60% area under tree cover. In addition to it, DCF Satara suggested the User Agency to take Compensatory Afforestation in degraded</li></ol>

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