



**Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force)
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No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-12983/2467 /2022-23
Nagpur-440 001, Date 22/12/2022

To,

The Deputy Director General (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building,
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in 22.00 meter ROW for Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha of NH-353 C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway. (FP/MH/ROAD/118805/2021)

Ref:- 1. Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter dated 03/11/2022 of F.No.FC-III/MH-51/2022-NGP/10542.
2. The Conservator of Forests (T.), Gadchiroli vide letter No.Desk-2(8)/Land/C.R.467/Road/2022/1107, dated 24/11/2022.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State office note No.Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey/C.R.No.58/2701/2022-23, dated 20/12/2022.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 had sought compliance on 2 points. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests (T.), Gadchiroli vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance regarding point no.ii. Also, the specific comments of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State regarding point no.i have received vide office note under reference no.3. The compliance report on 2 points as desired by the Government of India vide letter dated 03/11/2022 is being submitted as under:-

Sl. No.	Points	Compliance report
i.	The Specific Comments of the PCCF, Wildlife on the following points need to be submitted.	The Specific Comments of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State are as under:-
a.	The possible impact of proposed road on the surrounding tigers corridors and mitigation measures, if any thereof.	In the present proposal out of 132.102 ha. an area of 22.567 ha. passes through the tiger corridors as per the "Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape" published by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

		As per Section 38 o (1)(g) of Wildlife (Protection), Act-1972 wildlife clearance would be required and a animal passage plan is to be prepared based on the guidelines issued by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun i.e. "Eco-Friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife". Based on the recommendation of the State Board for Wildlife and National Board for Wildlife, the mitigation plan has to be implemented by the User Agency.
	b.	<p>The possible impact of proposed road on resident wildlife of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary especially on Black Bucks and mitigation measures, if any thereof.</p> <p>As per approved Management Plan of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary (2016-17 to 2025-26) Annexure-7 (faunal diversity of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary) Annexure-8 (List of critically endangered vulnerable, near threatened species as per IUCN Red List of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary) and Annexure-9 (Data of transect analysis of 2016-17 in Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary) Blackbuck is not reported in Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary. However, a part of the proposal passes through the tiger corridor as identified in the "Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape". Hence a animal passage plan is necessary along with wildlife clearance proposal.</p>
ii.		<p>The KML file and site suitability certificate from the DCF concern for three revised CA sites.</p> <p>The KML file and site suitability certificate from the DCF concern for three revised CA sites are enclosed herewith.</p>

In view of the above, it is requested that Government of India may kindly be moved for approval under section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at the earliest.

Encl: As above

 22/12/22

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy submitted for information and necessary action to: The Principal Chief Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya Mumbai-32. (Encl: As above)

Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The Conservator of Forests (T.), Gadchiroli.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha.
3. The Executive Engineer, Nitional Highway Division, Gadchiroli
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Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey/CR.No.58 / 2701 /2022-23, Date 20/12/2022

Office Note

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. forest land in 22.00 meter ROW for Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration for Gadchiroli -Allapalli Sironcha of NH-353 C from Zamela Nalla to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway.

Reference: 1. Your office file received to this office dated 22/06/2022 for comments of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State.
2. Your letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-12983/1979, dated 09/11/2022.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), East Nagpur letter No. Desk-1(B)/Survey/581, dated 05/12/2022.

Vide reference No. 1 cited above, the comment of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State was sent on the proposal for diversion of 132.102 ha. vide this office letter dated 11/07/2022.

Vide reference No. 2 comments of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State was sought regarding the following points :

- The possible impact of proposed road on the surrounding tigers corridors and mitigation measures, if any thereof.
- The possible impact of proposed road on resident wildlife of Pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary especially on Black Bucks and mitigation measures, if any thereof.

Vide reference No. 3 comments on the above points are submitted by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), East Nagpur . The comments of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State on the issues raised by Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur are as follows:

Sr. No	Issue	Comments
1	The possible impact of proposed road on the surrounding tigers corridors and mitigation measures, if any thereof.	<p>In the present proposal out of 132.102 ha. an area of 22.567 ha. passes through the tiger corridors as per the "Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape" published by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.</p> <p>As per Section 38 o (1)(g) of Wildlife (Protection), Act - 1972 wildlife clearance would be required and a animal passage plan is to be prepared based on the guidelines</p>

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2	The possible impact of proposed road on resident wildlife of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary especially on Black Bucks and mitigation measures, if any thereof.	As per approved Management Plan of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary (2016-17 to 2025-26) Annexure-7 (faunal diversity of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary) Annexure-8 (List of critically endangered vulnerable, near threatened species as per IUCN Red List of Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary) and Annexure-9 (Data of transect analysis of 2016-17 in Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary) Blackbuck is not reported in Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary. However, a part of the proposal passes through the tiger corridor as identified in the "Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape". Hence a animal passage plan is necessary along with wildlife clearance proposal.

Maheep Gupta
(Maheep Gupta)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)
Maharashtra State

To, ✓

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Cell),
Maharashtra State, Nagpur.



महाराष्ट्र शासन
वन विभाग



वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), गडचिरोली यांचे कार्यालय.

वन प्रशासकीय भवन, पोटेगांव रोड, गडचिरोली (महाराष्ट्र)

दुरध्वनी क्रमांक - 07132-233184 & 07132-233187 Email- ccfgad@gmail.com

क्रमांक:- कक्ष-2(8)/जमीन/प्र.क्र.467/रस्ते/2022/ 1107 गडचिरोली, दिनांक: 24.11.2022

प्रति,

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक वन्यजीव (पुर्व)
महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपुर

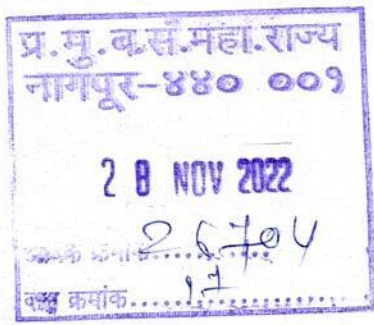
विषय:- वन (संवर्धन) अधिनियम 1980 अंतर्गत 132.102 हे. वनजमिन वळतीकरण करणेबाबतचा प्रस्ताव.
मौजा राष्ट्रीय महामार्ग 353C झमेला नाला ते सिरोंचा.

संदर्भ:- 1) केंद्रशासनाचे पत्र क्र.10542 दिनांक 03.11.2022 व
आपले कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष 1ब/सर्व्हे/763 दि. 17.11.2022
2) उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा यांचे पत्र क्र.कक्ष 3(2)/स-1/745 दि. 22.11.2022

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वन (संवर्धन) अधिनियम 1980 अंतर्गत मौजा राष्ट्रीय महामार्ग 353C झमेला नाला ते सिरोंचा रत्याचा बांधकाम करणेबाबत 132.102 हे. वनजमिन वळतीकरण करणेबाबतचा प्रस्ताव केंद्र शासनाकडे योग्य मार्गे सादर करण्यात आला आहे.

प्रकरणी, संदर्भित पत्र क्रमांक 1 च्या अनुषंगाने व केंद्र शासनाच्या दि. 03.11.2022 च्या पत्रातील i ते ii मुद्द्यांवर तसेच केंद्र शासनाचे पत्र क्र. 10233 दि. 29.08.2022 मधील मुद्दा क्र. 1 च्या अनुषंगाने सदर रस्त्याचा Tiger corridors व Black Bucks वर कोणता Impact तसेच Mitigation Measure बाबत अभिप्राय मागितला, प्रकरणी संदर्भित पत्र क्र. 2 प्रमाणे उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा यांनी सादर केलेला आहे. सदर अहवालाप्रमाणे खालील मुद्द्यांवर आपणाकडे उपवनसंरक्ष (प्रा.), सिरोंचा यांचे पत्राच्या प्रतीसह सादर करण्यात येत आहे.

Sr no.	Point	Compliance
i.	the specific comments of the PCCF, Wildlife on following need to be submitted:	
a	The possible impact of proposed road on the surrounding tigers corridors and mitigation measures. If any thereof 	<p>1 As per data available with Forest department there are no reports of wildlife accidents on the existing road.</p> <p>2 Presently Sironcha Division has presence of 2-3 transient tigers (as per opportunistic camera trapping in field). Use of region as a tiger corridor between difrant mentioned PAS may be established through systematic camera trapping, proposed to be done in immediate future.</p> <p>3 Keeping in mind, the future increase in Tiger numbers and wildlife and increase in traffic due to upgradation of road, the following mitigation measures have been recommended by DCF Sironcha in Part-II of the Forest diversion Proposal "Up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways from Jamela Nala to Sironcha Rai in Sironcha Forest Division Ta : Sironcha & amp;</p>

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b	The possible impact of proposed road on resident wildlife of Pranhita wild life sanctuary especially on black bucks and mitigation measures. If any thereof	<p>1) Impact of road on black buck population and other wildlife As per approved Management Plan of Pranhita Wildlife sanctuary (2016-17 to 2025-26), Annexure 7 (Faunal diversity of Pranhita WLS), Annexure 8 (List of Critically endangered, endangered vulnerable, near threatened species as per IUCN Red list of Pranhita WLS) and Annexure 9 (Data of transect analysis of 2016-17 in Pranhita Wildlife sanctuary) <u>Black buck is not reported in Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary.</u> For existing wildlife of Pranhita WLS and surrounding regions recommendations of mitigation measures are as per point no1 of this note.</p> <p>2) Mitigation measures As per above para 3 of DCF recommendations.</p> <p>3.1 The underpasses having a minimum size of width 4.00 mt. and height 3.00 mt. shall be provided.</p> <p>3.2 Nalla places underpasses should be propose at necessary place.</p> <p>3.3 The User Agency may modify the dimensions and interval of the underpasses, in exceptional cases, due to technical limitations (eg. Terrain factors, engineering standards) after visiting the site and recording reasons /facts.</p> <p>3.4 wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then there would be no need to construct new underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimensions, as suggested in para 3.1</p> <p>3.5 wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in para 3.1 In addition following conditions will be recommended in the proposal for repair in existing width (12.35 km)</p> <p>1. Striped speed breakers should be constructed at every 500 m of road, in the stretch passing through Pranhita Sanctuary and mapped tiger corridor.</p> <p>2. Retro reflective boards (size not less than 3*4 m) indicating wildlife crossings should be put up by user agency at every 500 m on both sides of the aforesaid stretch.</p>

सहपत्र:- वरीलप्रमाणे

(डॉ. किशोर एस. मानकर)
वनसंरक्षक, (प्रादे.) गडचिरोली

प्रतिलिपी:- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपुर यांना आपले पत्र क्र.कक्ष 17/1980 दि. 09.11.2022 च्या अनुषंगाने उपयोगिता प्रमाणपत्र व सिडी आपणाकडे सादर करण्यात येत आहे.

सहपत्र:- वरीलप्रमाणे, अनुपालन अहवाल

प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा यांना माहीतीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी:- कार्यकारी अभियंता, राष्ट्रीय महामार्ग विभाग, गडचिरोली यांना माहीतीस अग्रेषित.

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Compensatory Afforestation area suitability Certificate

(Dy. C.F. Certificate)

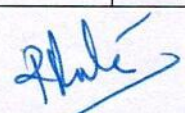
This is to certify that It had been asked to re-visit Compartments 280, JA088 and SA007 for CA sites. Accordingly new CA site of 10 ha. has been proposed in Compartment no KP138 instead of JA088(5 ha.) and SA007(5 ha.). Degraded forest area is 10 ha. in the jurisdiction of Sironcha forest Division. With respect to Comp. no. 280, new patch suitable for CA in same compartment has been proposed in 10 ha. in Chaprala wild life sanctuary. Total degraded area available 20 ha. CA Land Revised suitability Certificate. This is certified that proposed land is suitable for plantation.

CA Land Area Statement Sironcha Forest Div.

Sr. No.	Comp. No.	Range	Round	Beat	CA land Polygon (Length in Mtr.)	Area In Ha.	CA Amount
1	KP138	Kamlapur	Rajaram	Rajaram - I	1487.000	10.000	7390995
				Total Area	1487.000	10.000	7390995

CA Land Area Statement Chaprala WLS

1	280	Chaudampalli	Chaudampalli	Chaudampalli	2056	10.00	7390995
				Total	2056	10.00	7390995
				Grand Total		20	


Poonam Pate, IFS
Dy. Conservator of Forests
Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha