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To,

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Regional Office (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing,  
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,  
Nagpur 440001.

**Sub:** Diversion of 0.91 ha. forest land in favour of Executive Director  
(Planning), Mumbai Metro Railway Corporation, Bandra (East), Mumbai  
for construction of Bandra Kurla Railway Station for Metro Rail Project-  
III in Mumbai Suburban District of Maharashtra.. regarding

**Ref:** 1) GOI letter No. FC-I/MI-45/2016-NGP-1341 dated 10/02/2017.

2) Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai  
letter No. land /214/2017-18 dated 20/04/2017

Sir,

As desired by Government of India vide letter dated 10/02/2017, Addl. Principal Chief  
Conservator of Forest, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai has submitted the copies of queries compliance.  
A copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your information and further necessary action.

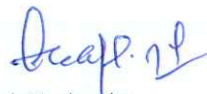
The User Agency has explored alternatives and stated that the option 1 is located on E  
Block Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) beneath the fully developed area of Government &  
corporate building infrastructure such as Reserve Bank of India, housing societies, Corporate  
Parks, MMTC Ltd. etc. In this option there is no open space / Road available for the  
construction of station. However, executing this option by demolition of fully developed &  
functional infrastructure, is not possible as per the studies the alignment shown in Map 1 and  
map 2 are passing through already developed area (Commercial and Residential area) the option  
2 is located in E block BKC in the mangroves area near to Mithi River. The construction of  
station at this location will result in cutting large number of mangroves thereby causing damage  
to ecology. In this option, the advantage of utilizing road area is also not possible. In view of  
above a present KBC station is in E Block BKC distributed towards northern and southern end

of income tax junction providing access to both commercial and residential area at this location, the road area is fully utilized for construction purpose there by reducing the area of mangroves to be cleared. The Divisional Forest Officer (Mangrove), Mumbai has also certified that no alternative alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum. On this ground, PCCF Office has recommended the proposal and submitted to Government of India for approval.

It is therefore requested that the required information may please be taken into consideration & the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may be approved as early as possible.

Encls.: As above

Yours faithfully,



(G Sai Prakash)

**Draft Approved by**  
**Addl. P.C.C.E & N.O. M.S. Nagpur** For Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur

Copy submitted to Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forests Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai for information and further necessary action.

Copy to Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai for information.

Copy to Executive Director (Planning), Mumbai Metro Railway Corporation, Bandra (East), Mumbai for information