

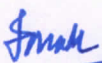
**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Maharashtra State Tree Authority held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.**

The sixth meeting of the Maharashtra State Tree Authority was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Environment and Climate Change Department, GOM, through video conferencing. The list of the Members present for the said meeting is as follows.

1. Mr. Pravin Darade, Chairman, Maharashtra State Tree Authority.
2. Ms. Vidya Hamppya, Deputy Secretary (UD-2), Representative for Principal Secretary, (UD-2) Urban Development Department, GOM
3. Representative for Principal Secretary (Forest), Revenue and Forest Department, GOM.
4. Mr. Vaibhav Raje, Expert Member, Maharashtra State Tree Authority.

The Principal Secretary, Environment and Climate Change Department, GOM, and Chairman of the Maharashtra State Tree Authority welcomed all the members of the Authority for the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Tree Authority constituted under sub-section (A-1) of Section 3 of Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection and Preservation of Trees Act, 1975.

The proposals for the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting had been submitted by the concerned planning authorities by following the due procedure given in the SOP. These details have been taken on record and accordingly, proposals were deliberated.



Chairman



Member Secretary

**Item no.1**

**Subject** - Permission for cutting/transplanting trees for the construction of National Highway connecting Mumbai to Vadodara

**Project Details** -

The project proponent National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Additional Municipal Commissioner, Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation presented the details of the project. As per the proposal, 1698 trees are to be cut (including 29 Heritage Trees) for the construction of proposed Express Highway from Shirsad to Masvan section of Mumbai - Vadodara project in VVCMC area. The cumulative age of the trees to be cut is 20,755 years.

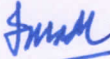
**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Deliberation** -


The Maharashtra State Tree Authority after deliberation decided to grant approval for the above-said project subject to compliance to the following conditions:

1. The Project Proponent (PP) should submit the detailed layout plan of location of trees to be felled/transplanted which will include superimposed location of trees/plants.
2. PP should submit the detailed layout plan for compensatory plantation which will include superimposed location of trees/plants and provide the details of spacing between two trees/plants which would be planted as a part of compensatory plantation.
3. PP should check possibility for transplanting trees.
4. PP should plant new trees of native/indigenous species as part of compensatory tree plantation equivalent to the cumulative age of the trees which are proposed to be cut/transplanted under this project.
5. PP should start the plantation of Native/Indigenous tree species which are not less than 6 feet in height as a part of compensatory plantation under this project within fifteen days from the date of the trees being cut/transplanted.
6. PP should ensure that the new trees planted as a part of the compensatory plantation should be geo-tagged and monitored using the latest technologies available and ensure that the trees survive for a minimum period of seven years, tree mortality during this period shall be compensated by planting an equal number of new trees.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Decision**-

After the deliberation, Maharashtra State Tree Authority decided to grant approval to cut 1,698 trees subject to compliance with above given conditions. As per the proposal, the cumulative age of the trees is 20,755 years. Therefore, the PP should plant 20,755 new trees of native/indigenous species as a part of compensatory plantation under this project by following all the due procedures.

  
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**Item no.2**

**Subject** – Regarding permission for cutting/ transplanting of the affected trees coming in the alignment of the proposed Mumbai- Ahmedabad Highspeed Rail Project in VVCMC Area.  
**Project Details** –

The project proponent National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) and Additional Municipal Commissioner, Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation presented the project details. As per the proposal, 1368 trees are to be cut (including 9 Heritage Trees) for the construction of proposed Mumbai- Ahmedabad Highspeed Rail Project in VVCMC Area. The cumulative age of the trees to be cut & transplanted is 14,586 years.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Deliberation** –

The Maharashtra State Tree Authority after deliberation decided to grant approval for the above-said project subject to compliance to the following conditions:

1. The Project Proponent (PP) should submit the detailed layout plan of location of trees to be felled/transplanted which will include superimposed location of trees/plants.
2. PP should submit the detailed layout plan for compensatory plantation which will include superimposed location of trees/plants and provide the details of spacing between two trees/plants which would be planted as a part of compensatory plantation.
3. PP should check possibility for transplanting trees.
4. PP should plant new trees of native/indigenous species as part of compensatory tree plantation equivalent to the cumulative age of the trees which are proposed to be cut/transplanted under this project.
5. PP should start the plantation of Native/Indigenous tree species which are not less than 6 feet in height as a part of compensatory plantation under this project within fifteen days from the date of the trees being cut/transplanted.
6. PP should ensure that the new trees planted as a part of the compensatory plantation should be geo-tagged and monitored using the latest technologies available and ensure that the trees survive for a minimum period of seven years, tree mortality during this period shall be compensated by planting an equal number of new trees.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Decision-**

After the deliberation, Maharashtra State Tree Authority decided to grant approval to cut 1,368 trees subject to compliance with above given conditions. As per the proposal, the cumulative age of the trees is 14,586 years. Therefore, the PP should plant 14,586 new trees of native/indigenous species as a part of compensatory plantation under this project by following all the due procedures.

  
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**Item no.3**

**Subject-** Permission for cutting/ transplanting of the trees coming in the work of the proposed Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (MAHSRP) in Moriwali, Navali, Vevoor & Gholvira villages of Taluka Palghar.

**Project Details -**

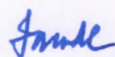
The Project Proponent National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) and Chief Officer, Palghar Municipal Council presented the project details. As per the proposal, 681 trees are to be cut for construction of proposed Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (MAHSRP) in Moriwali, Navali, Vevoor & Gholvira villages of Taluka Palghar. The cumulative age of the trees to be cut & transplanted is 5,521 years.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Deliberation -**

The Project Proponent/ Planning Authority had not published/issued any public notice in newspaper. As per the requirement of Tree Act, 1975 and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of Maharashtra State Tree Authority (MSTA), the proposal referred to MSTA shall include details of public notice issued by Planning Authority, suggestions/ objections received, Mitigation measures along with opinion of concerned tree officer / on the objections and/or suggestions received.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Decision-**

After the deliberation, MSTA decided to defer the proposal for submission of the above said details from NHSRCL and Palghar Municipal Council.

  
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**Item no.4**

**Subject** - Permission for Cutting/ Transplanting trees which are coming in the obstructing the road development work in Nanded Waghala City Municipal Corporation.

**Project Details** -

Tree Officer, Nanded Waghala Municipal Corporation presented the project details. As per the proposal, 1 Heritage tree is to be cut for the road development work in Nanded Waghala Municipal Corporation. The cumulative age of the tree to be cut is 60 years.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Deliberation** -

The Maharashtra State Tree Authority after deliberation decided to grant approval for the above-said project subject to compliance to the following conditions:

1. PP should submit the detailed layout plan for compensatory plantation which will include superimposed location of trees/plants and provide the details of spacing between two trees/plants which would be planted as a part of compensatory plantation.
2. PP should plant new trees of native/indigenous species as part of compensatory tree plantation equivalent to the cumulative age of the trees which are proposed to be cut/transplanted under this project.
3. PP should start the plantation of Native/Indigenous tree species which are not less than 6 feet in height as a part of compensatory plantation under this project within fifteen days from the date of the trees being cut/transplanted.
4. PP should ensure that the new trees planted as a part of the compensatory plantation should be geo-tagged and monitored using the latest technologies available and ensure that the trees survive for a minimum period of seven years, tree mortality during this period shall be compensated by planting an equal number of new trees.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Decision-**

After the deliberation, Maharashtra State Tree Authority decided to grant approval to cut 1 Heritage tree subject to compliance with above given conditions. As per the proposal, the cumulative age of the tree is 60 years. Therefore, the PP should plant 60 new trees of native/indigenous species as a part of compensatory plantation under this project by following all the due procedures.



**Item no.5**

**Subject** - Regarding permission for cutting of 1 Pimpal (Peepal) tree near Vasantryao Naik Slum area, Amravati Road, Nagpur in the premises of Vidarbha Volleyball Association.

**Project Details** -

Tree Officer (Nagpur Municipal Corporation) presented the project details. As per the proposal, 1 Heritage tree is to be cut but due to structural damage caused in some houses of Vasantryao Naik Slum area, Amravati Road, Nagpur in the premises of Vidarbha Volleyball Association. The cumulative age of the tree to be cut is 93 years.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Deliberation** -

The Maharashtra State Tree Authority after deliberation decided to grant approval for the above-said project subject to compliance to the following conditions:

1. The Project Proponent (PP) should submit the detailed layout plan for compensatory plantation which will include superimposed location of trees/plants and provide the details of spacing between two trees/plants which would be planted as a part of compensatory plantation.
2. PP should plant new trees of native/indigenous species as part of compensatory tree plantation equivalent to the cumulative age of the trees which are proposed to be cut/transplanted under this project
3. PP should start the plantation of Native/Indigenous tree species which are not less than 6 feet in height as a part of compensatory plantation under this project within fifteen days from the date of the trees being cut/transplanted.
4. PP should ensure that the new trees planted as a part of the compensatory plantation should be geo-tagged and monitored using the latest technologies available and ensure that the trees survive for a minimum period of seven years, tree mortality during this period shall be compensated by planting an equal number of new trees.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Decision-**

After deliberation, Maharashtra State Tree Authority decided to grant approval to cut 1 Heritage tree subject to compliance with above given conditions. As per the proposal, the cumulative age of the tree is 93 years. Therefore, the PP should plant 93 new trees of native/indigenous species as a part of compensatory plantation under this project by following all the due procedures.

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**Item no.6**

**Subject** - Tree cutting permission for construction of Eight land access-controlled expressway from km 43 to km 69.8 (Amne to Bhoj section- Spur of Vadodara Mumbai Expressway) in the state of Maharashtra on hybrid annuity mode under Bharatmala pariyojana (pkg-XVI)- Permission for Tree Cutting Availability of area for carrying out plantation of 21336 Nos. of Trees in lieu felling of 1285 nos. trees to be cut in Kulgaon Badlapur Municipal Corporation.

**Project Details -**

The project proponent National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Tree Officer, Kulgaon Badlapur Municipal Council presented the project details. As per the proposal, 506 trees are to be cut (including 3 Heritage trees) and 776 trees are to be transplanted (including 14 Heritage trees). The cumulative age of the trees to be cut & transplanted is 21,366 years.

**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Deliberation -**


The Maharashtra State Tree Authority after deliberation decided to grant approval for the above-said project subject to compliance to the following conditions:

1. PP should plant new trees of native/indigenous species as part of compensatory tree plantation equivalent to the cumulative age of the trees which are proposed to be cut/transplanted under this project.
2. PP should start the plantation of Native/Indigenous tree species which are not less than 6 feet in height as a part of compensatory plantation under this project within fifteen days from the date of the trees being cut/transplanted.
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**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Decision-**

After deliberation, Maharashtra State Tree Authority decided to grant approval to cut 506 trees (including 3 Heritage trees) and transplant 776 trees (including 14 Heritage trees) subject to compliance with above given conditions. As per the proposal, the age of the trees is 21,366 years. Therefore, the PP should plant 21,366 new trees of native/indigenous species as a part of compensatory plantation under this project by following all the due procedures.

  
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**Item no.7**

**Subject** - Regarding permission for cutting of trees for Development on Municipal property as Barracks no. T/57. T/57, T/59, Sion Matunga Estate Scheme no.6, on plot Bering CS no. 6 (pt.) of Sion division situated at Vishramwadi Bhau-Daji Road, Sion Mumbai-400022, in F/N ward.

**Project Details-**

The project proponent (PP) Safal Developers PVT LTD. and the Superintendent of Gardens (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation) presented the project details. As per the proposal, 125 trees are to be cut and 98 trees are to be transplanted (Total-223 trees) for development on Municipal property as Barracks no. T/57. T/57, T/59, Sion Matunga Estate Scheme no.6, on plot Bering CS no. 6 (pt.) of Sion division situated at Vishramwadi Bhau-Daji Road, Sion Mumbai-400022, in F/N ward. The cumulative age of the trees to be cut & transplanted is 3,639 years.

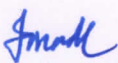
**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Deliberation -**

The Maharashtra State Tree Authority after deliberation decided to grant approval for the above-said project subject to compliance to the following conditions:

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**Maharashtra State Tree Authority Decision-**

After deliberation, Maharashtra State Tree Authority decided to grant approval to cut 125 trees and transplant 98 trees (Total-223) subject to compliance with above given conditions. As per the proposal, the cumulative age of the trees is 3,693 years. Therefore, the PP should plant 3,693 new trees of native/indigenous species as a part of compensatory plantation under this project by following all the due procedures.

  
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