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Subject:- Providing mitigation measures for construction and upgradation roads passing through forest area, other than wildlife focus areas.

The Forest Department has been receiving proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of new roads as well as upgradation [4 laning and 6 laning etc.] of existing roads. While providing infrastructural facilities to the areas around forests, it is also desired that the passage for wild animals is affected minimally due to such projects, to ensure a win-win situation.

2.0 Item No. 8(e) in the Form prescribed for the Site Inspection Report for such proposals mandates for furnishing information with respect to Wildlife Mitigation Plan, if required. Therefore, to achieve the purpose mentioned above, it is hereby directed that following conditions must be incorporated by the DCF/DFO while forwarding the proposals pertaining the construction of new roads, upgradation of existing roads passing through the forests outside Protected Areas, Tiger Reserves, Wildlife Corridors and other Wildlife focus areas-

- 2.1 The underpasses having a minimum size of width 4.00 mt. and height 3.00 mt. shall be provided.
- 2.2 Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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 2.1.
- 2.5 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 2.1.
- 3.0 This Circular is also available on the official website of the Maharashtra Forest Department [www.mahaforest.gov.in and www.mahaforest.gov.in/mahafca]

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