

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-12A23/C.R.251/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department,

Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 01.09.2023

To,

Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),

Regional Office, MoEF&CC,

Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Palghar.

Diversion of 12.7435 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of 220 KV L.I.L.O M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada Transmission Line at LOC No. 97 for 220 KV Abhitghar substation passing through Palghar District in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/TRANS/125061/2021).

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 12.7435 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of 220 KV L.I.L.O M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada Transmission Line at LOC No. 97 for 220 KV Abhitghar substation passing through Palghar District.

The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No	Item work purpose	Name of Village	Taluk a	District	Compt. No.	Survey No.	Gut No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Diversion of 12.7435 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of laying 22 KV	Chikhale	Wada	Palghar	--	89	124	1.1620	Protected Forest
					--	90	134	0.2415	
					--	123	185	0.4410	Reserved Forest
					--	53	125	0.1470	Protected Forest
2	L.I.L.O M/C Transmission line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada transmission line at LOC No.97 for 220 KV Abhitghar	Goleghar	Wada	Palghar	984	55/14	28	1.7080	Reserved Forest (FDCM)
					--	--	19	0.6230	
					--	--	6	0.0035	
					--	--	5	0.0175	
					--	--	18	0.0155	

3	Substation passing through Palghar District in the State of Maharashtra	Abitghar	Wada		--	--	16	0.0910	35 section pending on enquiry						
					--	--	20	1.0710							
					--	--	21	0.4725							
					--	--	22	0.8610							
					--	--	127	0.0245							
					--	--	125	0.5250							
					--	--	411	0.4060							
					--	--	56	0.4445							
					--	--	52	0.3430							
					--	--	51	0.2730							
					--	--	50	0.1610							
					--	--	49	0.4025							
					--	--	47	0.3395							
					--	--	46	0.1050							
					--	--	44	0.0140							
					--	--	45	0.0490							
					--	--	39	0.5390							
					--	--	40	0.0455							
					--	--	43	0.3815							
					--	--	42	0.2100							
					--	--	61	0.1085							
					--	--	62	0.0805							
					--	--	60/42 3	0.0175							
					--	--	66	0.6720							
					--	--	88	0.0385							
					--	--	83	0.6685							
					--	--	67	0.0105							
					Total Forest involved in the project Area (in ha.)								12.7435		

2. The said proposed line is primarily to provide power to the present and future load demand of looking at present condition there is heavy load shedding of power. In Abhitghar belt is very essential to construct and operate 220 KV LII.O Transmission line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada line at LOC No.97 for 220 KV Abhitghar Substation for zero shedding to be implemented wef effect that time there is removal problem faced by MSEDCL in load distribution in that area development of agriculture and tribal area.

3. The Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar has certified that:-

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is above 0.7 (Dense Forest).
- 3.3) There are 6311 trees of various species and trees is involved in implementation of the project. Girth wise break up of trees is as under :-

Tree Girth in Cm.										
0-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-135	136 to 150	150 above	Total
4756	858	336	152	58	44	30	31	20	26	6311

- 3.4) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 3.7) Proposed project is 1.608 Kms of the boundary of the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. Also the proposed alignment does not fall within Eco-Sensitive Zone. PCCF (WL) has suggested that a comprehensive site specific mitigation plan to be prepared in consultation with the filed officials.
- 3.8) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 26.00 ha. degraded forest land (i) 10.00 ha. in Compt. No.18, Survey No.11, at Village Tandala, Taluka Mahoor, Dist. Nanded (ii) 16.00 ha. in Compt. No.588, Survey No.64, at Village Rudrapur, Tal. Biroli, Dist. Nanded it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 3.9) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of

Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.

3.10) The proposed alignment is best suitable from forestry point of view.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

4.1 to defray the cost of Net Present Value.

4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.

4.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.

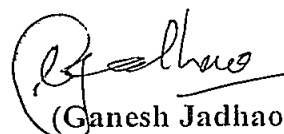
6. The circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur as well as following additional conditions:-

(i) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) shall submit comments regarding specific Mitigation measures required for the project, before Stage-I approval.

(ii) User Agency shall compensate the Private landholders of the proposed Land, as per prevalent Acts and Rules in this regard.

(iii) The User Agency shall submit records of rights of proposed forest land at village Goleghar Gut No. 19, 6, 5, 18, 16, 20, 21 and 22 before Stage-I approval.

The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Area Statement

Under Secretary
Revenue and Forests Department
Hutata Rajpura Chowk
Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya
Mumbai 400 032

3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Nagpur
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/FC'A-SI/PIID-125061/Thane/23-24/975, Nagpur Dt.28.06.2023.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar.
7. Executive Engineer, MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Kalyan.
- ✓ 8. Select File (F-10).

Sub:- Forest Land-Palghar

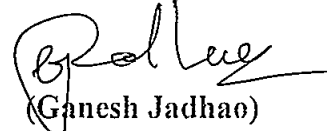
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PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the
State Government**

The proposal is recommended
vide Government letter
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