

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-12A23/C.R.250/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 3.2752 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction and laying of 400 KV LILO M/C Transmission line on 400 KV Padghe-Tarapur Transmission Line for 400 KV Kudus Substation passing through Thane and Palghar District in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/TRANS/153218/2022)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 3.2752 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction and laying of 400 KV LILO M/C Transmission line on 400 KV Padghe-Tarapur Transmission Line for 400 KV Kudus Substation passing through Thane and Palghar District in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No	Item work purpose	District	Name of Village	Taluka	Gut No.	Length & Width	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Construction and laying of 400 KV LILO M/C Transmission line on 400 KV Padghe-Tarapur Transmission Line for 400 KV Kudus Substation	Palghar	User	Wada	44	65 x 46	0.2990	Protected Forest
					42	137 x 46	0.6302	
					41	60 x 46	0.2760	
					40	99 x 46	0.4554	
					38	198 x 46	0.9108	
					37	153 x 46	0.7038	
Total Forest Area required (in ha.)							3.2752	

2. The said transmission 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 Kudus belt is very essential to construct and operate 220 KV LILO Transmission line on 220 KV Padghe-Tarapur Line at Kudus 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 agricultural and tribal area. The Non forest land involved in the project 13.2756 ha.

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 0.7.
 3.3) There are 430 trees of various species and trees involved in implementation of the project. Girth wise break up of trees is as under:-

		Tree Girth in Cm								Total
Below 30	31-45 cm	46-60 cm	61-75 cm	76-90 cm	91-105 cm	106-120 cm	121-135 cm	136-150 cm	150 above	
123	184	68	20	17	10	6	1	0	1	430

- 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 about 7.551 Kms of the boundary of the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. Remarks sought from CWLW vide this office note dated 04/05/2023. In this regard, the PCCF (Wildlife) vide office note dated 23/05/2023 has informed that the Mitigation measure to be required to this project.
 3.8) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 7.00 ha. degraded forest land as Reserved Forest Land in Compt No. 205, Survey/Gut No.06, at Village Potreddirampur, Tal.Kinwat, Dist. Nanded and 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 most suitable.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

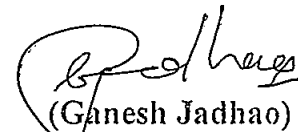
- 4.1 to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
- 4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.

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. In 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) PCCF (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) If degraded forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation is found unsuitable for planation, the Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall propose another suitable degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation.
- iv) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure the legal status of proposed Forest land, prior to the commencement of work.

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
- 3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4. Brief note of the project

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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), M.S., 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/FCA-S1/PID-153218/Thane/974/23-24, 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)

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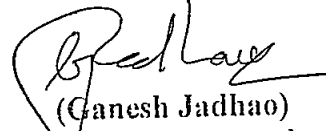
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PART - V

(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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