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Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated: 18.10.2022

To,

Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Thane

Diversion of 12.0225 ha. Forest land for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission line on 220 K.V Padghe-Wada and Kolshet-Wada transmission line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station passing through Thane District in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/TRANS/48241/2020)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 12.0225 ha. Protected Forest/Reserved Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission line on 220 K.V Padghe-Wada and Kolshet-Wada transmission line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station passing through Thane District.

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

Sr. No	Item work purpose	District	Taluka	Name of Village	Compt. No.	Survey / Gut No.	Length & Width	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	construction and laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station passing through Thane District in the State of Maharashtra	Thane	Bhiwandi	Eaksal	1012	78	1767 x 35	6.1845	Reserved Forest
2				Chinchavali	--	7. Gut No. 51	87 x 35	0.3045	Protected Forest
					--	8. Gut No.52	13 x 35	0.0455	
3				Kunde	--	292/26	28 x 35	0.098	Protected Forest
					--	292/1	202 x 35	0.707	
					--	293/3	53 x 35	0.1855	

4					--	293/2	301 x 35	1.0535	
					--	293/1	98 x 35	0.343	
					--	54 PART	205 x 35	0.7175	
				Dighashi	--	211/4A	367 x 35	1.2845	
					1013	215	314 x 35	1.099	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Land (in ha.)								12.0225	

3. The construction and laying of 220 KV M/C transmission line from Villages of Thane District. The proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is being submitted for the approval of the Central Government from Diversion of 12.0225 ha. Forest land in Village Eaksal, Kusapur, Chinchawali, Kunde & Dighashi, Dist. Thane, the proposed project is for the construction and laying of 220 KV M/C LILO Padghe-Wada & Kolshet-Wada transmission line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station. The 400 KV Kudus Sub-station is connected with Central utility power supply with their existing 220 Kv lines. In order to meet present and future power demand of Mumbai, Mumbai-Suburban areas, Thane urban and Thane rural, areas under Palghar district etc. i.e. strengthening of power supply in Mumbai region which is commercial capital of India. Further, in present scenario there is heavy load shedding due to lack of power supply, hence for avoiding the load shedding of power, Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited has sanctioned plans to construct and operate 220 KV M/C LILO on Padghe-Wada & Kolshet-Wada transmission line for 400 Kv Kudus Sub-Station. This transmission line belt is very essential in to construct and operate 220 KV M/C LILO on Padghe-Wada & Kolshet-Wada transmission line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station for zero load shedding to be implemented w.e.f. 2021 and for industrial growth of Mumbai, Thane & Palghar District for future upcoming Central and Maharashtra Government projects.

4. Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that-

- No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is below 0.4 (Open Forest).
- There are 669 trees of various species and trees are involved in implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under:-

Tree Girth in Cm									
0-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-135	136 Above	Total
254	161	92	56	41	14	10	8	33	669

- The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- There is violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The total area has been violated by the user Agency is 0.041476 ha. the detail violation report is enclosed in the proposal.
- Proposed project is 4.300 Km distance from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary nearest forest area at Village Eksal.
- Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 25.00 ha. degraded Forest land as Reserved Forest in Compartment No.394E, 545, Survey/ Gut No.288 and 58, at Village Palsa, Shikara, Tal. Mukhed, Hadgaon Dist.Nanded it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 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.
- All other alternatives for the purpose have been examined in details and have come to conclusion that the proposed alignment is the most suitable.

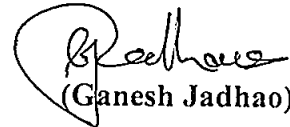
5. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking:-

- 5.1 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
 - 5.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
 - 5.3 to submit necessary compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal for approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
 7. 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

to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) in addition to following condition:-

'Concerned DCF shall ensure that proposed land and CA land is a forest land as per relevant documents'

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

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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
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
2. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13203(78)/1441/2022-23, Dt.12.09.2022
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Thane
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane
5. Select File (F-10)

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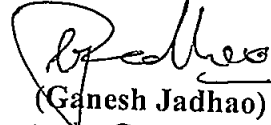
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PART - V

(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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