

PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary Incharge 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
No.FLD-3615/CR-254/F-10
Dated: 02/09/2015

VP Tiwari
2/09/15

(Virendra Tiwari)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)
Revenue and Forest Department
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032

Place : Mumbai

Date : 02/09/2015

21/12/12

Chief Commissioner of Forests (Montenegro)
Forestry and Forest Department
Belgrade, 11000

Government of Maharashtra

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No.FLD-3615/CR-254/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Room No.456/461 Annex,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Madam
Cama Marg,
Mumbai-400 032
Dated: 02/09/2015

To,
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
West Central Regional Office,
Ground Floor, Eastern Wing,
New Secretariat Building ,Opposite Old VCA Stadium,
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Sub.:- Forest Land- Chandrapur

Proposal for diversion of 5.4425 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction and laying of diversion/ re-alignment of existing 220 KV Chandrapur-Warora transmission line passing through Bhatadi Open Cast Mine of Western Coalfields Ltd., Chandrapur.

Executive Engineer, EHV Construction Division MSETCL, Chandrapur has submitted the proposal for diversion of 5.4425 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction and laying of diversion/re-alignment of existing 220 KV Chandrapur-Warora transmission line passing through Bhatadi Open Cast Mine of Western Coalfields Ltd., Chandrapur. The location of proposed area is as given below –

Chandrpaur Forest Division				
Village	Taluka	Survey no/ Gut No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
Kachrala	Bhadravati	888	1.0064	Protected Forest
		203	4.4361	Reserved Forest
Grand Total			5.4425 ha	

- The proposal has been initiated by Executive Engineer, EHV Construction Division MSETCL, Chandrapur for construction and laying of 220 KV D/C Transmission line from Chandrapur-Warora.
- Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd. plans to divert existing 220 KV Chandrapur-Warora D/C line passing through Bhatadi Open Cast Mine, Chandrapur. The work of construction for diversion of 220 KV Chandrapur-Warora D/C line passing through Bhatadi Open Cast Mine of Western Coalfields Ltd. The said work is undertaken on request of W.C.L as

they are under the process of expansion of existing Bhatadi Open Cast Mine and part of the existing 220 KV Chandrapur Warora D/C line is passing through the proposed mine expansion area. The said construction is required for evacuation and transmission of 220 KV Chandrapur-Warora D/C line of the electricity.

4. The diversion of 220 KV Chandrapur-Warora D/C line passing through Bhatadi Open Cast Mine expansion project area of WCL, Chandrapur is sanctioned vide MBR No.77/5 dated 14/12/2012 and work allotted to agency, vide W.O. No. MSETCL/CE/NGP/T/301, dated 1/2/2013 & amendment W. O. No. MSETCL/CE/NGP/T/684, dated 11/3/2014. This line diversion is essential for expansion of open cast mine project of WCL, Chandrapur. The coal linkage of this mine is meant for Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd., Chandrapur, which may further affect the power generation. The proposed work for construction & laying of diversion of 220 KV D/C transmission line is interlinking transmission lines of Chandrapur-Warora.

5. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur is of the opinion that the alternate alignment is not possible & the forest land required is the barest minimum.

6. There are 613 trees (non teak species) in the area proposed for the project in Chandrapur Forest Division. Girth class wise abstract is given as under:-

16/ 30 cm	31/45 cm	46/60 cm	61/75 cm	76/90 cm	91/ 105 cm	106/ 120 cm	121/ 135 cm	136/ 150 cm	Above 150 cm	Total
206	201	63	29	28	21	20	21	19	5	613

7. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur has certified that the proposed project is outside the boundary of Eco sensitive zone of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve.

8. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.

9. The User Agency has submitted the certificate to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation to be raised over degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area 5.4425 ha. being diverted for the 220 KV transmission line of Chandrapur-Warora .

10. The area involved does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc. as certified by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur.

11. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as certified Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur.

12. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur, has certified that non-forest area covered under the project are not under the provisions of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act, 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forests 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.

13. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur has submitted an undertaking that the proposed project area is outside Schedule Area.

14. The User Agency has not submitted the resolution under Schedule tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 duly approved by the District Collector. This shall be complied before final approval.

15. 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.

16. In the circumstances explained in above paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted for the non-forestry use on the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the same may please be obtained and communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Virendra Tiwari

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

o/c. 04/11/15
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)
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Encl: A) Set of case papers

b) **The following documents are enclosed:-**

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Area Statement
4. Index map of suitable scale
5. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of exploitation as well as cost of compensatory plantation.
6. User Agency has given an undertaking of Net Present Value.
7. Brief note of the project from the project authority
8. Map of non forest land for compensatory afforestation
9. Site Inspection Report by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur
10. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
11. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to :

- 1) Principal Secretary (Tribal), Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, with reference to his letter Desk-17/NC/I/I.D 12389/669/15-16, dt.9/7/2015
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 4) Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur
- 5) Collector, Chandrapur.
- 6) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur
- 7) Executive Engineer, EHV, Construction Division MSETCL, Chandrapur
- 8) Select File F-10.

