

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2022/CR-309/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department,

Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 05.04.2023

To,

The Secretary,

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,

Government of India,

New Delhi.

Subject: Forest Land-Nagpur

Diversion of 6.0760 ha. Reserved Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission line in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 6.0760 ha. Reserved Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission line in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	Range	Taluka	Name of Village	Survey No.	Lenght x Width (in Mtrs)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	laying of 220 KV	Katol	Katol	Tarabodi	88	33 x 35	0.1155	Zudpi Jungle
					64	92 x 35	0.3220	
2	Kalmeshwar			Pardi	74	153 x 35	0.5355	
3	Substation to			Borodoh	34	28 x 35	0.0980	
4	220 KV			Pathur	48	37 x 35	0.1295	
5	Warud substation			Bhajipani	6	21 x 35	0.0735	
	Transmissio				7	19 x 35	0.0665	
	n line in				16	143 x 35	0.5005	
					21	135 x 35	0.4725	
6	Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra			Dongargaon	126	68 x 35	0.2380	
					116	75 x 35	0.2625	
					89	16 x 35	0.0560	
					70	106 x 35	0.3710	
					70	75 x 35	0.2625	
					70	87 x 35	0.3045	
					70	132 x 35	0.4620	
7				SalaiRithi	63	146 x 35	0.5110	
					28	231 x 35	0.8085	

8				Karla	68	55 x 35	0.1925	
					63	84 x 35	0.2940	
Total Forest Land (Ha.)							6.0760	

2. The proposal has been initiated by the Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, MSETCL, Amravati for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. This is Extra High Voltage electricity transmission line project transmitting power in Amravati district from 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220 KV Warud Substation. This project will meet power demands of people of taluka Warud of district Amravati. Due to this line, voltage up gradation in said area will satisfy power need for industrial residential and agricultural area. The project is administratively Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd vide letter No. approved by MSETCL/Resolution No. 34/2, dated 18/10/2008. The route for this transmission line is as proposed by Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, MSETCL, Amravati. The route of transmission line connecting 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220 KV Warud Substation is technically surveyed and approved in the year 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12. The transmission line is passing through the forest area hence, the User Agency has submitted the proposal under FCA 1980. The total route length of the transmission line is 70 Kms. The total non-forest land involved in this project is 226.1805 ha.

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

- 3.1) No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-111 having density is below 0.4 (Southern tropical dry deciduous forest).
- 3.3) There are 265 trees of various species and trees is involved in implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under:-

00-30 cm	31-60 cm	61-90 cm	91-120 cm	121-150 cm	150 Above cm	Total
43	128	61	14	11	8	265

- 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 violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is done by User Agency. The Violation report is enclosed.
- 3.7) The proposed area for the project is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of the protected area (Sanctuary and National Park).

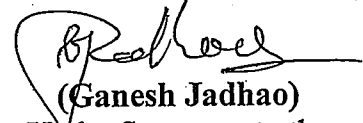
- 3.8) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" 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.
- 3.9) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 12.50 ha. Degraded forest land in Compartment No.251. Gut No.328 Beat-Rampur, Round-Koli, Range -Ghatanji (T) at Village Kurhad, District-Yavatmal and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation & free from encroachment and encumbrances.
- 3.10) Three alternative alignments were checked rest of which this is the best alternative alignment to avoid or minimize use of forest land and the required forest area is minimum needed for the purpose of proposed project.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 4.1 to bear 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. MoEF&CC has issued guidelines regarding processing of proposals involving ex-post facto approval vide letter dt. 22.03.2022 & 08.09.2022, accordingly proposal may be submitted to Ministry level.
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 the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur as well as following additional condition:-

1	<i>The proposed area falls in the Tiger corridor, therefore user agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance under section 38 O (1) (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</i>
2	<i>Working permission cannot be granted till the wildlife clearance is obtained by the user agency from competent authority.</i>

The matter may kindly be placed before the MoEF&CC (Head Quarter), New Delhi as per its guidelines dated 22.03.2022 for approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
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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. Violation Report.
7. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur is hereby requested to forward this proposal to Head Office of MoEF&CC at New Delhi on PARIVESH portal, as system automatically sends it to your office due to required forest land is below 40 ha. and project is linear in nature.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-13174/1820/22-23, Dt. 15.10.2022.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
6. Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, MSETCL, Amravati.

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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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