OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST, ALIBAG

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Letter

Subject: Forest land Raigad

Diversion of forest land 1.8947Ha. Reserved Forest, Protected forest and Private Forest area for carrying out stringing work over Forest area in respect of 220 KV D/C Transmission line from Existing Old 220 KV Nagothane (Kansai) Substation to Existing Old 220 KV line (Velshet) Tal. Roha, Dist. Raigad.

No. A/20/Land/ 1082 /2015-2016. Alibag – 402 201, Dated: 06/09/2015.

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Thane.

- Ref.:- 1) Executive Engineer, EHV, Construction Division, Kalva letter No. EE/EHV CDKalwa/Tech./ORC/1169, dated 9/9/2015.
 - 2) This office letter No. B/20/Land/2568, dated 09/09/2015.
 - 3) Executive Engineer, EHV, Construction Division, Kalva letter No. EE/EHV CDKalwa/Tech./ORC/1169, dated 9/9/2015.

Executive Engineer, EHV, Construction Division, Kalva, has submitted a proposal for laying of 220 KV D/C Transmission line form existing Old 220 KV Nagothane (Kansai) Substation to Existing Old 220 KV line (Velshe) Tal. Roha. This project requires 1.8947Ha. area of reserved, protected/reserved/private forest. Therefore the project authority is seeking GOI permission under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of 220 KV D/C Transmission line form existing Old 220 KV Nagothane (Kansai) Substation to Existing Old 220 KV at Velshet, taluka Roha.

S. No.	Village Name	Taluka	S.No.	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
1)	Kansai	Roha	25/10	0.2004	Reserved forest (MPFA 1975)
			23/0	0.2213	Restored Private forest.
2)	Godsai	Roha	11/P	0.4018	Reserved forest (MPFA 1975)
3)	Pantansai	Roha	22/0, 71/0, 72/0	0.1706	Reserved Forest
		Roha	43/2B, 43/2D, 43/2A	0.5486	Restored Private forest
4)	Nagothane	Roha	72/P	0.3333	Reserved forest (MPFA 1975)
5)	Varvatane	Roha	158/0	0.0187	Protected Forest
			Total:-	1.8947	

(MPFA 1975- Maharastra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975)

The following documents which are necessary as per Government of India instructions have been received from the Agency.

- 1) Prescribed form- A, Part- I & II.
- 2) Area statement.
- 3) Index map of suitable scale.
- 4) Certificate that there is violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 by the Agency.
- 5) Brief project details from the Project Authority.
- 6) The project authority has given an undertaking of Net Present Value.
- 7) The site inspection report of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.

The project authority has started the non-forestry work on Private Forest Land. This proposal is for lying of Transmission line and therefore the Compensatory Non-Forest land is not required. Hence Compensatory Afforestation on the area of double degraded forest land i.e. 4.00 Ha. is proposed. The Degraded Forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation from Reserved forest Compt. No. 653 (Gat No. 23) of Village Wandroshi, Taluka Sudhagad, Dist. Raigad. The project authority is willing to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation as required by the Government and also ready to bear the cost of felling of trees.

The following documents are awaited from the Agency for proposal –

1) The certificate under The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 form Collector, Raigad is requested by Project authority. The certificate will be attached in the proposal when it will be issued by the Collector, Raigad.

This project is for infrastructure development and is essential for industrial development; hence the proposal is being recommended for approval for diverting the required forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) The area diverted will be used only for purpose mentioned in proposal.
- 3) Cost of compensatory afforestation to be borne by the Project Authority.
- 4) Net Present Value to be borne by Project Authority.
- 5) 2 Computer set with Laser Jet printer and 1 A3 size scanner for upgradation of forest records to be provided by user agency.

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Encl: 6 sets of proposals

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.

Copy submitted to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S. Nagpur.

Copy forwarded to Executive Engineer, EHV, Construction Division, Kalva, At. Airoli, Thane-Belapur road, Po.Box. No. 20, Navi Mumab-400 708 for information and necessary action.

Copy forwarded to the Collector, Raigad for information and necessary action.

Copy to Assistant Conservator of Forests, Alibag for information.

Copy to Range Forest Officer, Nagothane for information.

PART-II (To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests) State serial No. of proposal_____

7. Location of the project/Scheme:

i	State/Union Territory	MAHARASHTRA STATE
ii	Forest Division	Alibag Forest Division, Alibag
iii	District	Raigad
iv	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)	1.8947 Ha.
V	Legal status of forest	Protected forest, Reserved forests & Private Forests.
vi	Density of Vegetation	The density is below 0.4
vii	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)	Devoid of tree growth.
Viii	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion	No erosion is possible because this project is of transmission line.
ix	Approx. distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest	Approx. distance of proposed site is 0.00 to 15 mtrs. From boundary of forest.
X	Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).	The forest area doesn't form part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc.
хi	Whether any rare/endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so detail thereof.	No
xii	Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required	There is no protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument located in the project area.

	competent authority, if required	
8	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined	Yes. Details of alternatives examined.
9	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	Non-forestry work carried out by project authority on Private forest land. The requisite report & certificate is attached in the proposal.
10	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme	As under.
i	Details of non forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch	Degraded Forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation from Reserved forest Compt. No. 653 of Village Vandroshi, Taluka Sudhagad, Dist. Raigad.
ii	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries	Attached on Page No. 120
iii	Details Compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Yes, Details of compensatory afforestation scheme is attached on Page No. 29 To 35
iv	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme is Rs. 1298510/-
V	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	Yes, certificate attached on Page No. 15
11	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	The site inspection report with joint inspection report is attached at page no.

12	Division/District profile:	District - Raigad
		Division – Alibag Forest Division
i	Geographical area of the district	Raigad Dist. – 7152 Sq. KM.
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lii	Forest area of the district.	Raigad Dist, - 1647.68 Sq. KM.
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iii	Total forest area diverted since 1980	No. 77 cases – Area diverted 920.0093 Ha.
	with number of cases in the Division	
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iv	Total compensatory afforestation	*
	stipulated in the district/division since	
	1980 on	
	a) forest land including penal	2000 102 Hz. On favort land
	compensatory afforestation,	2068.183 Ha, On forest land.
	b) non-forest land	<u>367.464 Ha.</u> On non-forest land 2435.647 Ha.
V	Progress of compensatory	2433.047 Tla.
\ \ \	afforestation as on 31/03/2015	
		2009.9538Ha, on forest land.
	(a) forest land	2003.3300011a, 0111016311a11u.
	(b) non-forest land.	367.4640 Ha. On non-forest land
	(b) Hon-lorest land.	2377.4178 Ha.
	Consider an annual definition of the	This project is for infrastructure development
13	Specific recommendations of the	and is essential for industrial development;
13	Deputy Conservator of Forest for	1 A 1 A 1 A 1 A 1 A 1 A 1 A 1 A 1 A 1 A
	acceptance or otherwise of the	hence the proposal is being recommended.
	proposal with reasons	

Place:- Alibag Date: 06/09/2015. NHTING BOGE)
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