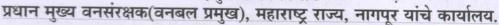


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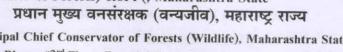


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विषय:- बोर- पेंच व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्गात २२० के.व्ही. कळमेश्वर ते वरूड दरम्यान वीज वाहिनी टाकण्यासाठी नागपूर जिल्ह्यातील ३०.६८४ हे. वन आणि वनेत्तर जमीनबाबत वन्यजीव मान्यतेचा प्रस्ताव. (बोर- पेंच व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्ग)

संदर्भ - १ .या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र १९०/२१५४, दि. १३/१०/२०२३ २. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण वने व हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली यांचेकडील पत्र क्रमांक F.No. WL-6/88/2024-WL, दिनांक २३/०८/२०२४. (राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीची ७९ वी बैठक, दिनांक ३१/०७/२०२४)

संदर्भीय पत्र १ अन्वये विषयांकित प्रकरणीचा प्रस्ताव राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाचे निर्णयार्थ ठेवण्यासाठी राज्य शासनास सादर करण्यात आलेला होता. राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाची २२ वी बैठक दिनांक १६/१०/२०२३ रोजी संपन्न झाली. सदर बैठकीमध्ये प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावावर मंडळाने चर्चा करुन, प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावाचे अनुषंगाने, मंडळाने मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांनी घालून दिलेल्या अटी व शर्तीच्या अधिन राहून सदर प्रस्ताव राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाकडे सादर करण्याची मंडळाने शिफारस केली असुन, सदर बैठकीचे कार्यवृत्तांत दिनांक ०७/११/२०२३ अन्वये शासनाने निर्गमीत केले होते.

राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाने घालून दिलेल्या अटीनुसार प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने मुद्रांकावर (Stamp Paper) लिखीत हमीपत्र सादर केले असून, व्याघ्र भ्रमणर्गातील प्रकल्प किंमतीच्या ५.०० कोटीचे २ % रक्कम रु. ०.०१ कोटी आणि दंडाची रक्कम रु. ०.०५ कोटी असे एकुण रु. ०.१५ कोटी रक्कमेचा भरणा महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील वन्यजीव अभयारण्याच्या संवर्धन आणि संरक्षणासाठी वनसंरक्षक तथा क्षेत्र संचालक, पेंच व्याघ्र प्रकल्प, नागपूर यांच्याकडील व्याघ्र संवर्धन प्रतिष्ठान मध्ये भरणा करण्यात आलेली आहे. त्याबाबतचा

अहवाल वनसंरक्षक तथा क्षेत्र संचालक, पेंच व्याघ्र प्रकल्प, नागपूर दिनांक ३१/१०/२०२३ रोजी या कार्यालयास सादर केले होते.

राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी सिमतीचे दिनांक ३१/०७/२०२४ रोजीचे ७९ व्या बैठकीमध्ये प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावास खालील अटीनुसार मान्यता प्रदान केलेली आहे. (प्रत सहपत्रीत)

- As per Indian Electricity rule, minimum ground clearance of about 7 meters (for 220 KV transmission line) shall be maintained.
- 2. To avoid electrocution impact on birds, about 4.9 m of vertical distance shall be maintained between two conductors. This may reduce risk of electrocution of birds having large wing span.
- To prevent accidental collisions of birds with the conductor, appropriate mitigation measures will be installed at appropriate locations as per the specification/suggestions by CEA/MOEF&CC.
- 4. In addition to above proposed mitigation measures, the mitigation measures as stipulated by Forest dept. and the statutory authorities for conservation and protection of biodiversity shall be implemented by the company.
- 5. Height raising of existing lattice structure towers within technical limitations based on bird flight behavior.
- 6. Other specific measures, if any as suggested by Forest dept. Considering the public utility of project, the proposed project is recommended on following additional conditions:
  - i. 2% amount of project cost be made available as conservation and protection fund for conservation and protection of wildlife.
  - ii. The User Agency shall bear the cost of mitigation measures that are suggested by the WII.
  - iii. Project personnel, engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of all the existing laws especially the Environment Protection Act, 1986, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and rules made there under & also take all precautionary measures for conservation & protection of flora, fauna in the vicinity of the project.
  - iv. The proposed project require to cut 386 trees. User Agency shall bear cost of planting trees.
  - v. Provision of barricading the work site of tower erection to avoid any human or wildlife mishaps should be undertaken.
  - vi. No dumping of debris on wet lands and forest area will be done by User Agency.

- vii. The laying of transmission line and its ancillary works should be carried out with utmost care so to cause least impact on the corridor.
- viii. All the other mandatory permissions from different statutory authorities should be obtained prior to commencement of work.
- It shall be ensured that no damage or disturbance is caused to the Wildlife and its habitat.
- Insulated cables should be used along the entire stretch of the proposed transmission line so as to avoid electrocution to avifauna and other arboreal species as well as avoid poaching using electricity.
- 8. Width of the right of the way for the 220 kV DC transmission line on forest land should not be over 35 m (vide MoEFCC Guidelines F. No. 7-25/2012-FC dated May 5, 2014).
- 9. The alignment of the power line should be made such that minimum numbers of trees are felled. Vegetation clearance along forest stretches should be avoided or minimized to the largest extent possible by increasing height of towers structure to maintain safe vertical clearance. Any felling/pollarding/pruning of trees for allowing electrical clearance/maintenance will be done with the permission of competent authority of Maharashtra Forest Department. Only those trees that are of sufficient height to compromise the requirements of minimal vertical and horizontal clearance from the conductor wires at maximum sag point should be lopped.
- 10. Periodic clearing of vegetation along the powerline may bring up invasive species. Integrated vegetation management with the plantation of native, palatable species should be actively promoted by the User Agency in collaboration with Maharashtra Forest Department below the power line. This will not only prevent growth of invasive unpalatable species like but also will provide excellent food for wild ungulates in form of its leaves and fruits.
- 11. No construction/maintenance work shall be permitted within forest and wildlife areas at night. Labor camps should be at least 1 km away from the tiger corridors.
- 12. No construction material (including soil, stones etc.) should be collected from the forest. Construction debris should not be dumped inside the forest or wetland areas and they should be transported by the User Agency to suitable dumping sites outside the forests and wetlands.
- 13. The User Agency shall implement animal passage plan prepared in consultation with the Forest Department and there should be implemented a management plan for the area below transmission lines.

- 14. CWLW, Maharashtra should develop appropriate mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein at various phases of project implementation.
- 15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government

वरील अटीचे अनुषंगाने, अट क्र. ६ (i) ची पुर्तता प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने पूर्ण केली असून, अट क्र. १ ते ६ (ii ते ix) व ७ ते १५ बाबत मुद्रांकावर हमीपत्र विहीत मार्गाने या कार्यालयास सादर करण्यात यावे. तसेच केंद्र शासनाचे माहे मार्च-२०२४ मधील मार्गदर्शक सुचनेनुसार वन (संरक्षण व संवर्धन) अधिनियम १९८० अंतर्गत In Principal approval प्राप्त झाल्याबाबचे दस्ताऐवज सादर करावे. त्यानंतरच ईकडील कार्यालयाकडून कामे सुरु करण्याची मान्यता प्रदान करण्यात येईल.

सहपत्र :- वरील प्रमाणे.

मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक तथा अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव), महाराष्ट्र राज्य

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प्रतिलिपी :- उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), नागपूर यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

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Date: 23rd August, 2024

To,

All Members Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 79th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)

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by the Standing Committee. Now the Chief Wild Life Warden has provided the Part III filled by the Bhandara and Gondia Divisions.

Comments were again sought from the NTCA on the proposal of the PCCF (WL), Maharashtra. NTCA has mentioned that the proposed gas pipeline will pass through crucial parts of the Kanha-Navegaon-Tadoba and Pench-Navegaon Nagzira tiger reserve corridors. The current tiger density in Navegaon Tiger Reserve is low and relies on the spillover population from neighbouring 'source' tiger reserves, namely Kanha, Tadoba, and Pench. Therefore, the gas pipe line along with optical fibre may be permitted with certain conditions.

**Decision Taken**: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal WL/MH/Pipeline/434672/2023 with revision in area as 103.5036 ha in place of 82.7387 ha subject to the conditions already prescribed and the following additional conditions:

1. No bio resources should be used from the neighbouring forests.

2. Labourers should strictly be prohibited from hunting. The User Agency should be held responsible if poaching is reported by its labourer and personnel.

3. No labour settlements should be allowed in the forest.

#### AGENDA ITEM No.4

## 79.4 (Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)

79.4.1 Proposal for use of 1.6 ha of forest land from Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of New Ammunition Shelters & Gun Position- Bruni, Anni, Arunachal Pradesh.

#### WL/AR/Others/441582/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.6 ha of forest land from Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of New Ammunition Shelters & Gun Position-Bruni, Anni, Arunachal Pradesh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

**Decision Taken**: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

 The User Agency shall adhere to the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.

3. The User Agency shall not use the area for any work other than proposed use.

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4. Care should be taken that no natural drainage gets obstructed by implementation of the project. Adequate water passageways need to be provided wherever applicable.

Construction materials (including top soil) should be procured from outside the forest area. The debris should be appropriately dumped outside the forest by User Agency taking due care of air/dust pollution.

6. User Agency should construct 12 feet high fencing on both sides of the bridge so as to avoid dumping of garbage in the water by pedestrians/vehicles passing over the bridge.

 The CWLW, Maharashtra should have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid in this report during various phases of project implementation.

8. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

79.4.74 Proposal for use of 1.2005 ha of forest land & 29.484 ha of Non-forest land from Bor-Pench Tiger Corridor in Eastern Vidharba Landscape for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar to Warud EHV Transmission line in Nagpur district, Maharashtra.

#### WL/MH/TRANS/450298/2023

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The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the project proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- As per Indian Electricity rule, minimum ground clearance of about 7 meters (for 220 KV transmission line) shall be maintained.
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- Height raising of existing lattice structure towers within technical limitations based on bird flight behavior.

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Project personnel, engaged in the project work shall observe the iii. provisions of all the existing laws especially the Environment Protection Act, 1986, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and rules made there under & also take all precautionary measures for conservation & protection of flora, fauna in the vicinity of the project.

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No dumping of debris on wet lands and forest area will be done by vi. User Agency.

The laying of transmission line and its ancillary works should be vii. carried out with utmost care so to cause least impact on the corridor.

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- 15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.
- Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer area of Melghat Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Mobile Tower under 4G Saturation Project at Rohinkhidki (Kamod), in Buldhana District of Maharashtra

## WL/MH/CommPost/454248/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer area of Melghat Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Mobile Tower under 4G Saturation Project at Rohinkhidki (Kamod), in Buldhana District of Maharashtra

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The User Agency shall erect mobile tower near the forest boundary.
- 2. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
  - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance:
  - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
  - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area as per the procedure.