

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Reference: Index Sr. NO 30

(Site inspection Report from Deputy Conservator of Forests Satara.)

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1	Name of Project and location. (Range, Round, Beat)	Proposal for diversion of 0.3716 ha forest land for regularisation of lease of Forest land (before 1980) for use of 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities from survey no 52 A, Gut. No. 77/1 at village Mahabaleshwar, Tal.-Mahabaleshwar Dist. Satara to the MSDTCL Satara under section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 <table><tr><td>Range</td><td>Round</td><td>Beat</td></tr><tr><td>Mahabaleshwar</td><td>Mahabaleshwar</td><td>Mahabaleshwar</td></tr></table>	Range	Round	Beat	Mahabaleshwar	Mahabaleshwar	Mahabaleshwar																								
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2	Name of User Agency	Add. Executive Engineer Civil, MSEDCL Ltd. MSDTCL Satara.																														
3	Date of site Inspection	22/07/2023																														
4	E xtent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed to diversion.	Forest land Required 0.3716 ha. Legal Status - RF																														
5	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of Forest land b) Density and Eco- value class	Forest land proposed for diversion <table><tr><th colspan="6">Forest land required for expired lease land</th></tr><tr><th>Name of Village</th><th>Sy. No. / C. no</th><th>Particular of work</th><th>Area in ha.</th><th colspan="2">Status</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="4">Keshtra mahabale shwar</td><td rowspan="4">survey no 52 A, Gut. No. 77/1</td><td>Sub-Station</td><td>0.1546</td><td colspan="2" rowspan="4">R F</td></tr><tr><td>Staff-Quarters /Inspection Block</td><td>0.0275</td></tr><tr><td>Water Tanks</td><td>0.0014</td></tr><tr><td>Open Utility Space</td><td>0.1881</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Forest area require</td><td colspan="3">0.3716 Ha.</td></tr></table> Eco-Value class I, dense Forest, Density 0.8	Forest land required for expired lease land						Name of Village	Sy. No. / C. no	Particular of work	Area in ha.	Status		Keshtra mahabale shwar	survey no 52 A, Gut. No. 77/1	Sub-Station	0.1546	R F		Staff-Quarters /Inspection Block	0.0275	Water Tanks	0.0014	Open Utility Space	0.1881	Forest area require			0.3716 Ha.		
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6	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col. of Part I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined.	Yes, the requirement of forest land as proposed by U. A. is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project for regularisation of expired lease of Forest land (before 1980) used for construction of 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities. Hence the details of alternative have not been examined.																														

7	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If Yes, details thereof	Yes. Proposal project is for regularisation of lease forest land sanctioned for construction of 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities. The construction work is already completed.
8	a) whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not. b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so the details thereof. c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area. d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project. e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons there for.	Construction in the area has been done according to earlier leased in 1974 upto 1999 and Now the proposal for diversion is not found to be of much important from wildlife point of view. There is no any rare or endangered unique species of flora and fauna found within proposed forest land. The proposed forest for diversion is 14.52 Km away from boundary of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve. Proposed area is within Mahabaleshwar pachgani Eco Sensitive zone declared by MOEFCC vide notification dated 17th jan. 2001 but patch of area which is proposed for diversion has already been constructed within the lease period which expired in 1999. Proposal does not involve new tree felling and cutting. No
9	Details of vegetation: a) Total no of trees to be felled. b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm. c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm. d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.	No tree felling is required. Nil Nil Nil Question doesn't arise.
10	Background note on the proposal (short summary)	The proposal for extension of lease period from 1974 to next 25 years was submitted and being chased with Forest Department at different level since long back but could not be materialized. In year 2004

		Forest Dept had advised to apply online on PARIVESH portal. Accordingly, now the same was uploaded in portal with all necessary documents 'proposal has been found to be complete in all respect'. There after 5 hard copies of the proposal were submitted and the User Agency has uploaded the same on the portal. Project Authority has not completed procedure under FCA, 1980 for regularisation of lease for construction of 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities.
11	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached	Yes, P.A. has violated the rules of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As before expiry of lease project authority has not completed the procedure for regularisation of lease under FCA 1980. Violation report attached on page No.
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person, If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has approved by the State Govt.?	No
13	Details of catchment and culturable compared area under the project (If applicable) Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (If applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Utility of Project	Proposed project is "regularisation of leased forest land for construction of 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities for use to Public Utilites."
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/ religious values? Whether any scared grove or very old growth trees/forest exist in the area	No.

16	Any other importance information related to the project (separate note may be attached, (If required)	Through Project authority requested that, proposed land to be diverted is already diverted & under use of 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities & work was completed before enforcements of ESZ notification of by MoEF (ESZ) DIVISION by 17 th Jan 2001. Hence there is no need to take approval from the "High level monitoring committee (HLMC) appointed by MoEF (ESZ Division) by order no. 2/40/2005/ESZ(RE) Part File, Date 14Th March 2017. That the proposed land to be diverted is already diverted & under use of 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities & work was completed before enforcements of FRA 2006 hence the compliance under certificate of Collector satara & the Gram Sabha resolution under FRA. 2006 should be exempted to this project. If required Project Authority should furnish the same. The Use of the 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities is a public utility project.
17	Details of documents and photographs enclosed	1) Authority letter 2) Topo map and others documents
18	Recommendation of the Inspecting Officer.	The proposal is recommended for acceptance, for regularisation of leased land under 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities.

Place - Satara
Date - / /2023


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