

## Reference Index Sr. NO I

## PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

## 7) Location of the Project

- i) State / Union territory – Maharashtra.  
 ii) District – Satara  
 iii) Forest Division. – Satara, Forest Division Diiv. Satara

Area of forest &amp; Non-forest land proposed for Diversion (in Ha.)

| Name of Work                                                                                                                                        | Area required of Forest land |                        |                                  |           |              | Area required of Non- Forest land |                 |               |
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|                                                                                                                                                     | Name of Village              | S. no/ Com no          | Item of work                     | Area (Ha) | Legal Status | Survey. no                        | Name of Village | S. no/ Com no |
| Diversion of Forest land for continuing operations of existing 33 KV sub-station at Village Kshetra-Mahabaleshwar, Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara | Kshetra-Mahabaleshwar,       | no 52 A, Gut. No. 77/1 | Sub-Station                      | 0.1546    | RF           | 0                                 | 0               | 0             |
|                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                        | Staff-Quarters /Inspection Block | 0.0275    |              |                                   |                 |               |
|                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                        | Water Tanks                      | 0.0014    |              |                                   |                 |               |
|                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                        | Open Utility Space               | 0.1881    |              |                                   |                 |               |
|                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                        | Total forest area                | 0.3716    |              |                                   |                 |               |

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| V    | Legal status of Forest                                                                                        | This Forest land in village Mahabeshwar is declared as 'RESERVED FOREST'                                               |
| VI   | Density of vegetation                                                                                         | The Density of vegetation is 0.8                                                                                       |
| VII  | Species-wise (Scientific names) And diameter class-wise enumeration of trees.                                 | No trees are required to be felled. As proposed area to be diverted is leased land and work is completed.              |
| VIII | Brief note on vulnerability of forest area to erosion.                                                        | The forest land is not vulnerable to erosion                                                                           |
| IX   | Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest                                   | Proposed site for diversion is within Reserved forest.                                                                 |
| X    | Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, Elephant corridor, | Proposed area for diversion does not form a part of National park, wildlife sanctuary biosphere reserve tiger reserve. |

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| XI    | Whether any rare / endangered /unique species of flora & fauna found in the area .If so the Details there of.                                                                                                       | No rare/endangered/unique species of flora & fauna is found in area proposed for diversion.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| XII   | Whether any protected archaeological / heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is in the area. If so the details there of with NOC form competent authority, If required.               | There is no any protected archaeological / heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument in this area.                                                                                                                                  |
| XIII  | Whether the requirement forest land as proposed by the user agency in col.2 of part-I is unavoidable, and barest minimum for the project. If not, recommended area item-wise with alternatives examined.            | Yes,<br>No other alternative is available, as proposed area has already been diverted and now proposal is for regularisation of lease land for 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station & other amenities, there-for required land is unavoidable as well as barest minimum. |
| 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. | YES<br>The leased forest land has been sanctioned for 33 KV X 11 KV Sub – Station. After expiry of lease period project agency has not completed procedure under section 2(ii) of F.C.A 1980. The use of forest land is public utility type.                    |
| 100   | Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (i)   | Detail of non-forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of the patches, and size of each.                                             | CA on Double Degraded Forest land 1.00 ha at village – Kholawadi, F. C. No. 169, F.G.No. 483, Tal. Wai. Dist. Satara                                                                                                                                            |
| (ii)  | Map showing non-forest / degraded forest area identified for compulsory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.                                                                                              | Survey of India topo map showing double degraded forest land identified for compulsory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries. Map attached on Page                                                                                                      |
| (iii) | Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.                                                                                | Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme is attached on page no.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (iv)  | Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.                                                                                                                                                       | Rs. 9.53 Lakhs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| V    | Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from Management point of view (to be signed by concerned deputy conservator of forests) | Certificate from Dy. C. F Satara regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from Management point of view is attached on Page no. |
| 11   | Site inspection report of DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting fact asked in col.7 (xi,xii), 8, 9 above.                                                                                         | Site inspection report is attached on page no.                                                                                                                     |
| 12   | Division/district Profile                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| i)   | Geographical area of District.                                                                                                                                                                           | 1048400 ha.                                                                                                                                                        |
| ii)  | Forest area of the district.                                                                                                                                                                             | 156764 ha.                                                                                                                                                         |
| iii) | Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases                                                                                                                                               | No. of Cases 101 Reserved Forest area diverted 1066.48 Ha.                                                                                                         |
| iv)  | Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in district / division since 1980 on                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|      | a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation                                                                                                                                                | 179.44 Ha.                                                                                                                                                         |
|      | b)non- forest land                                                                                                                                                                                       | 725.27 Ha.                                                                                                                                                         |
| V)   | Progress of compensatory afforestation as on                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|      | a) Forest land                                                                                                                                                                                           | 161.46 Ha.                                                                                                                                                         |
|      | b) Non-Forest Land                                                                                                                                                                                       | 650.59 Ha.                                                                                                                                                         |

**13) Specific recommendation of DCF for acceptance or otherwise of proposal with reasons, for site specific**

The 33 x 11 KV Sub- Station is existing in the Forest Land leased to MSEDCL (Erstwhile MSEB). The infrastructure of the project is already developed on the land in 1974s. The Sub- Station is required to be operated uninterruptedly further to provide electricity to Mahabaleshwar City and adjoining villages. Hence, the project has to be operated from the Forest Land. There is no alternative to the existing Forest Land. The requirement is the same, as was at the time of allocation on lease basis. Thus, the forest Land is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

Project Authority has submitted 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.

Project Authority is submitting proposal for regularisation of lease under F.C.A 1980. Now the project Authority has decided land under Sub Station & other amenities should be applied for regularisation of lease under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Project Authority has completed construction of 33 X 11 KV Sub Station & other amenities, but not completed procedure provisions under F.C.A 1980, for regularisation of lease before completion of lease period. The area is already diverted and there is least chance of further adverse effect on the ecology of area. The proposal is recommended for regularisation of lease on Forest land at Mahabaleshwar, Tal.- Mahabaleshwar, Dist.- Satara.

Place - Satara

Date 28/08/2023



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