



Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

(CIN No. U40109MH2005SGC153646)

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Ref.No. EE/EHV/Proj/Dn/Amt/Tech/AEE/ No. **000448** Date: 21/2/2024

Sub.: Diversion of 6.0760 ha of forest land in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati for laying of 220kV Kalmeshwar substation to 220kV Warud substation transmission line in Taluka- Katol, District- Nagpur.

- Submission of Compliances towards Central Government observations received.

- Ref.: 1. Recommendation by State Government vide Ltr. No. FLD-2022/CR.309/F-10 dated 17-04-2023.
2. REC 104th meeting held on 14/07/2023
3. RO Ltr. Ref. F.No. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP/11930 dated 25/07/2023
4. Compliance of REC queries vide T.O.L. No. 03/08/2023
5. State Government Ltr. No. FLD- 2022/CR -309/F-10 dated 03/01/2024
6. REC 112th held on 08/02/2024
7. RO. Ltr. Ref. F. No. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP/12871 dated 14/02/2024

The proposal is recommended by State Government vide letter under ref. (1) above dated 17/04/2023. Thereafter REC meetings are held earlier on Dt.14/07/2023 and now on Dt.08/02/2024.

The compliances for earlier REC observations of letter under reference (3) above dated 25/07/2023 are submitted to RO through State Government vide letter under reference (5) above on date 03/01/2024.

This is with reference to latest letter from RO Nagpur under reference (7) above dated 14/02/2024. The proposal is returned by REC to State Government with request to ensure 1) action initiated and required on violators as per provision of 3A/3B of the Adhiniyam and 2) identification of the suitable non forest area for Compensatory Afforestation.

In the context of ensuring required action with reference to the provision of 3A/3B of the Adhiniyam, we have already submitted the details with earlier compliances vide letter under ref.(4) above dated 03/08/2023 regarding violations and the action taken report. The details submitted disclose that the offence was committed unintentionally and that exercised all due diligence to prevent such offence by issuing warning letters to concerns. Being project of public utility by MSETCL (State Government institution), we abide by provision of penal NPV at the rate of 20% of 5 times the NPV

2% simple interests till the deposit is made.

27/02/2024
नगरपालिका वनविभाग, नगरपालिका

In the context of identification of the suitable non forest area for Compensatory Afforestation we invite your kind attention to para 13.4(b) of Adhiniyam Gazette Notification dated 29/11/2023 which provides special dispensation for Transmission line projects with raising compensatory Afforestation over double degraded forest land. The details of CA Land of degraded forest land for double area is already provided with the proposal submitted.

We request you to kindly ensure the required actions on violators as per provision of 3A/3B of the Adhiniyam at your end and submit the details onwards accordingly.

Thanking you
Yours Faithfully


(Jaywant Kokate)
Executive Engineer,
EHV Project Division,
MSETCL, Amravati

Copy to: 1) Superintending Engineer EHV Project Circle Amravati.
2) The Addl. Ex. Engineer S & I Sub Division Amravati.



Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force),
Maharashtra State
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer,
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By-Email/Speed Post.

Back Query

No. Desk-17/2/Nodal/Nagpur//PID-38296/3194 /2023-24
Nagpur – 440 001, Date : 15/02/2024

To,

The Conservator of Forests (T),
Nagpur.

Sub:- Diversion of 6.0760 ha. of forest land in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division ,
Amravati for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar-substation to 220 KV Warud substation
transmission line in Taluka-Katol District Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra-regarding.

Reff :- Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Integrated
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing New Secretariat Building Civil Line,
Nagpur -440001 letter No. FC-II/MH-216/2023- NGP/ 12871 dated 14/02/2024.

With reference to above cited letter the Government of India, IRO, Nagpur has sought
query on the proposal involves works in violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam
1980. The copy of the said letter is enclosed herewith for needful action.

You are therefore requested to submit above shortcoming form the user agency along with
required comments in English to this office for consideration of Government of India at the earliest.

Encl :- As above

(Naresh Zurmure)

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer**

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur for information and
necessary action.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, MSETCL Amravati.



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS &
CLIMATE CHANGE



Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building Civil Lines,
Nagpur - 440001,
apccfcetral-ngp-mef@gov.in

F.No. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP/ 12871

Date: 14.02.2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 6.0760 ha of forest land in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220 KV Warud substation transmission line in Taluka - Katol, District- Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Reference: The State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/CR-309/F-10 dated 03.01.2024

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and reference cited above and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee meeting held on 06/08.02.2024. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, found that the proposal involves works in violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980.

The Committee noted that under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 adopted w.e.f. 01.12.2023, vide sub rule (16) (8) (ii) r/w sub rule 10 (2) & (5), the competent authority to process such proposals is the MoEF&CC, New Delhi as it involves **ex-post facto approval for violation of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam. 1980.**

In view of the above rule position, the committee decided to return the proposal to the State Government with a request to initiate action on violators as per the provision of 3A / 3B of the Adhinyam first and after ensuring the required action and identification of the suitable non forest area for Compensatory afforestation, the State Government may submit the proposal to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi for further examination and process under **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam. 1980.**

Accordingly, I am directed to return the proposal with a request to take necessary action as above.

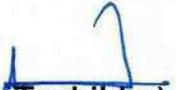
This issues with the approval of DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,


(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. User agency.
- iii. Guard file.


(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Government of Maharashtra

By Speed Post

No.FLD-2022/CR-309/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date:- 03.01.2024

To,

Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,
Nagpur-440 001.

Sub.:- Forest Land-Nagpur

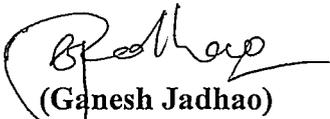
Diversion of 6.0760 ha. Reserved Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission line in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.

- Ref:** 1. Your Office Letter No. FC-II / MH-216 / 2023-NGP / 11930, Dt. 25.07.2023.
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17 / FCA-S1 / PID-38296 / Nagpur / 2598, Dt.05.12.2023.

Sir,

Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Government of India, Nagpur has sought additional information with respect to 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, vide letter under reference No.1.

2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted compliance report to the Government of Maharashtra vide letter under reference no.2, Compliance Report submitted by the APCCF & Nodal Officer is self-explanatory and attached herewith for further necessary action in the matter.

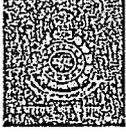


(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to
the Government of Maharashtra
Under Secretary
Revenue and Forests Department
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya
Mumbai 400 032

Encl : As above.

Copy to:

- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
- 3) Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
- 4) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.



**Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force),
Maharashtra State.**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer,

1st Floor, B Wing, Van Bhavan, Ramgiri Road, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440 001
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Query Compliance

No.Desk-17/ FCA-SI /PID-38296/Nagpur/2598
Nagpur-440 001, Date: 05/12/2023

To,
Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 6.0760 ha. Reserve Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission Line in Nagpur District in the state of Maharashtra.

- Ref:** 1) Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. FC-II/ MH-216/2023-NGP/11930, Dt. 25/07/2023.
2) The Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur Letter no. Desk-10/Land/CR1096/23-24/1266, Dt. 30/11/2023.

Sir,

The Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 has raised 03 points.

Accordingly, Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance reports on 03 points to this office. The compliance report on 03 points as desired by the Government of India vide letter dated 25/07/2023 is being submitted as under:

Sr. No.	Query	Compliance
1	The detailed violation report including the nature and extent of the violation, action taken by the State Forest Department under IFA, 1927 and FCA, 1980 along with the relevant documents shall be submitted by the state government. The name of the officials responsible for the violation from the User Agency as well as the State Forest Department need to be indicated.	As per the Compliance submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Nagpur and Forwarded by Conservator of Forests, Nagpur. The detailed violation report including the name of the officials responsible for the violation is enclosed herewith as Annexure I.
2	The State Government shall submit a detail report on why the violation has not been recorded and stopped by the State Forest Department at the time of violation, as it has been reported that violation was conducted in the year 2010 and reported in 2015-16	As per the Compliance submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Nagpur and Forwarded by Conservator of Forests, Nagpur. The legal status of land shown as Zudpi Jungle as per revenue record in 6 District. i.e. Nagpur, Wardha, Gondia, Wardha, Chandrapur&Gadchiroli in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State. The Government of Maharashtra vide order dated 6 November 1987, the Zudpi Jungle land should not be consider as forest land, then GOI, MOEF, letter dated 12 February 1992 clarified that the

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दिनांक:- 21/12/2024

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		<p>Zudpi Jungle land shall attract all the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.</p> <p>As per the direction of GOI, Zudpi Jungle was categorized in various parts. The land which is found to be suitable for forestry management point of view was handed over to forest department since the year 1997. Most of the Zudpi Jungle land is in scattered and not permanently demarcated in ground, unknowingly the work was carried out by the User Agency, and hence the violation has not been recorded and stopped by the Field staff at that time of execution of the work. Field Officers who are responsible for the violation, enquiry, and disciplinary action have been proposed against them.</p> <p>The patch of existing alignments comes under the norms of forest land. The project affected forest land shows as Proposed Reserved Forest (Notified under section 4 of IFA 1927) was originally recorded as Zudpi Jungle.</p> <p>The Project Authority has executed construction of 3 foundation & stringing at places on forest land on the survey no. 28,63 of SalaiRithi & survey no. 21 of Bhajipani of Katol Taluka and thereby violation of forest act from the year 2014 to 2018. The work in this area is stopped and POR had filed against Project Authority on dated 30.06.2020 for Survey No.63 & 28 of Mauza SalaiRithi of Katol Range vide POR No. 04892/122280/2023 and again POR had filed against Project Authority on dated 04.05.2023 for Survey No. 21 of Mauja Bhajipani of Katol Range vide POR No. 04894/124578/2021. The copies of POR are enclosed as Annexure II.</p>
3	User Agency shall take prior approval of the NBWL/SBWL and updated status shall be submitted.	<p>As per the Compliance submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Nagpur and Forwarded by Conservator of Forests, Nagpur. The proposal for NBWL is submitted to GOM on 01/02/2023.</p> <p>The copy of the recommendation letter by Chief Wildlife Warden, M. S. Nagpur is enclosed as Annexure III.</p>

In view of the above, it is requested that the Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for approval under section-2 (ii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, at the earliest.

Encl: As above-3 Copies

Yours sincerely

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy for information & necessary action:

1. The Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur.
3. The Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, MSETCL, Amravati.



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वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), नागपूर वनवृत्त, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालय

(नवीन प्रशासकिय इमारत, वन भवन, भवन्स स्कूल समोर, नागपूर 440 001.)

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क्र.कक्ष-10/जमीन/प्र.क्र.1096/2023-24/ 1266

दिनांक : 30 नोव्हेंबर, 2023

प्रति,

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ आधिकारी,
महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपूर.

विषय:- 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 (FP MH/TRANS/38296 2019)

- संदर्भ:- 1) केंद्र शासन पत्र क्र FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP-11930, दिनांक 25/07/2023.
2) आपले कडोल पत्र क्र कक्ष-17/नोडल/आयडी-38296/1420, दिनांक 07/08/2023
3) या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र कक्ष-10/जमीन/प्र.क्र.1096/2104, दिनांक 08/08/2023.
4) उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र कक्ष-11/वनसंवर्धन/प्र.क्र.498/1072,
दिनांक 22/11/2023

विषयांकित प्रकरणा सादर प्रस्तावान केंद्र शासनाने संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 1 अन्वये । ते 3 मुद्यांची वृत्ती उपास्थित केलेली असुन आपले कडोल संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 2 अन्वये सादर । ते 3 मुद्यांची पूर्तता करून अहवाल सादर करणेकामी कळविलेले होते. त्याअनुषंगाने या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 3 अन्वये केंद्र शासन पत्रात नमूद । ते 3 मुद्यांची पूर्तता करून अहवाल सादर करणेबाबत उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांना कळवण्यात आलेले होते

उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांनी संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 4 अन्वये । ते 3 मुद्यांची पूर्तता करून अहवाल या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला असुन सादर अहवालाचे संस्करण करून अहवाल पुढील आवश्यक कार्यवाहीस आपणाकडे सादर करण्यात येत आहे.

सहपत्र:- वरिलप्रमाणे (4 प्रतीत)

(श्रीलक्ष्मी .ए)

वनसंरक्षक (प्रा.),
नागपूर वनवृत्त, नागपूर

प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांना माहितीस अर्पणत

प्रतिलिपी:- कार्यकारी अभियंता,इंजिचक्रो प्रोजेक्ट डिवीजन एमएमइंटीएमोएन्व प्रकाश मंगना, व.वि.व. वळमजला, प्रशासकिय बिल्डींग, मोर्शा रोड, अमरावती यांना माहिती व आवश्यक कार्यवाहीस अर्पणत.

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Submission of Compliances towards observations received.

No. Desk-11/Conservation/CR. 498/2023-24/ 1072

Nagpur, Dated 22.11.2023

To,
The Conservator of Forests,
Nagpur Circle, Nagpur.

Ref:- 1. GoI, Moef, IRO Office, Nagpur letter No.F.No. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP/11930, Dated 25/07/2023.
2. Maharashtra State Electricity Trans. Co.Ltd Amravati letter No.EE/EHV/Proj/Dn/Amr/Tech/AEE/No.2132, Dated 03/08/2023.

This is with reference to the 1 to 3 queries raised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India regarding proposal of diversion of 6.0760 ha forest land in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati for laying of 220KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220KV Warud substation transmission line in Taluka-Katol, District- Nagpur.

In this context point wise reply is as under.

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3	User Agency shall take prior approval of the NBWL/SBWL and updated status shall be submitted.	The proposal for NBWL is submitted to GOM on 01/02/2023. The copy of the recommendation letter by Chief Wildlife Warden, M. S. Nagpur is enclosed as Annexure III.

Enclosure - As above.


 (Dr. Bharat Singh Hada)
 Deputy Conservator of Forests,
 Nagpur Division, Nagpur

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

ANNEXURE - 1

VIOLATION REPORT

The Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL), Government of Maharashtra Undertaking, has decided to take up construction of 220 kV Kalmeshwar-Warud Transmission Line for augmentation of the electricity grid network towards increasing demand of power in the Warud region.

The total length of the project stretch selected for construction of the line is 67.253 kms. Part of this line is passing through forest area of (1) Gut No. 74 of Village Pardi (Gotmare) 0.4375 Ha, (2) Gut No. 34 of Village Bordoh 0.0980 Ha, 3) Gut No. 48 of Village Pathar 0.1295 Ha, (4) Gut No. 6,7,16,21 of Village Bhajipani 1.1130 Ha, (5) Gut No. 126,116,89,70 of Village Dongargaon 1.9565 Ha, (6) Gut No. 63,28 Village of Salai Rithi 1.3195 Ha, (7) Gut No. 68,63 of Village Karla 0.4865 Ha from Katol Range and (8) Gut 88, 64 Villlage Tarabordi 0.4375 Ha from Kondhali Range of Nagpur Forest Division. The proposed line requires diversion of Total 6.0760 Ha in Nagpur Forest Division. Therefore the construction of this line requires forest clearance from Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate change (GOI).

The diversion of forest area has been limited to the minimum that satisfies the standards of Central Board of Irrigation and Power. As the project line is passing through the middle of the forest area, avoiding forest area is not possible. Alternatives has been examined and found that no better option is available.

Part of construction of this line is done for erection of towers and stringing at places on forest land and thereby violation of Forest Act from year 2014 to 2018.

The work in this reach is stopped and proposal for approval under Forest (Conservation) Act is submitted by the Project Authority.

As the proposal is for construction of transmission line and there is no suitable alternative for the same and project authority has submitted the proposal for obtaining approval from Government of India. Hence, it is required to process the proposal for diversion of Forest Land (Zudpi Jungle) under the provisions of Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Report regarding violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for consideration of the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, vide Govt. of Maharashtra, Revenue and Forest Department G.R. No. FLD-1089/475/Part-2/P-10, dated 2nd December 1991

1.	Name of the Agency	Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. EHV Projects Division, Amravati.
2.	Name of the Project	Construction of 220 KV Kalmeshwar-Warud Transmission line.
2A)	Whether the project is under EGS or plan	Not applicable.
3	Location A) F.S. No. /Compt. No. B) Village	Salai Rithi - 28,63 Karla - 68,63 Bhajipani - 6,7,16,21

	C) Taluka D) District	Katol Nagpur							
4.	No. & Date of Technical Sanction	MSETCL/COTr./Proj./EPC/SS2-B/13481 Date: 31/08/2010.							
5.	No. & date of Administrative Approval	34/4 Date: 18/10/2008							
6 (A)	Period of work on forest land C) Date of starting the work D) Date of stopping the work	A) 2014 B) 2018							
(B)	Period of work on non forest land C) Date of starting the work D) Date of stopping the work	A) 2010 B) Work in progress.							
8.	Details of work done on forest area								
	Sr. No	Item/Name of Structure	shown on map enclosed as	Sur/Gut No.	Forest land involved in the item (In ha.)	Extent of violation on forest land (In ha.)	Amount sanctioned on the item stated Cost (Rs)	Amount spent on violation on item No. 2	Legal status
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	1	Construction of 3 foundation & stringing at places on forest land	Map Enclosed	28,63 of Salai Rithi & 21 of Bhajipani	1.792	---	11.938.59 Lacs	80.20	Proposed Reserved Forest
9.	Period of Work :-								
	Sr. No.	Item of work	Quantity	Period of work done					
	1.	Construction of 3 Towers		2014					
10.	Name of officers responsible for violation.								
	Sr. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Period of violation	Remarks				
	1	Shri. B.S. Amale Assistant Engineer, MSETCL		2014-16					
	2	Shri. S.G. Patki Line Technician		2014-16					
	3	Shri. A.K.Makde, The Then Range Forest Officer, Katol		2014-16					
	4	Shri. S.D. Chate, The Then Round Officer, Katol		2014-16					
	5	Shri G.M Gaikwad The Then Round Officer, Isapur		2014-16					
	6	Shri. V.H. Mankawade The Then Forest Guard Katol		2014-16					
	7	Shri. V.P.Dongare The Then Forest Guard Isapur		2014-16					
11.	Whether the violation case fits in the criteria's specified in G.R. Revenue & Forest Department No. FLD-1089/ C.R.475/Part-2/F-10 dated 21/9/1991.				No.				

11A)	If yes in which para	Not applicable.																																
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17 Remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest

Signature

Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests, M.S., Nagpur



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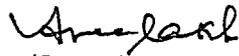
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Proposal for diversion of 6.0760 ha. Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission line in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.(FP/MH/TRANS/38296/2019)

Comments of the Conservator of Forest (T) Nagpur Circle, Nagpur on the violation Report.

Proposal for diversion of 6.0760 ha. Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission line in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.(FP/MH/TRANS/38296/2019)had been received by this office and the remarks of this office is as follows;

- 1) The forest area where violation happened was originally recorded as Zudpi Jungle land which is proposed reserved forest (notified u/s 4 of IFA 1927).
- 2) The Project Authority has executed construction of 3 foundation & stringing at places on forest land on the survey no. 28, 63 of Salai Rithi & survey no. 21 of Bhajipani of Katol Taluka.
- 3) As the proposal is for construction of Transmission Line. connecting Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud Substation, there is no suitable alternative for the same and project authority has submitted the proposal for obtaining approval from Government of India.
- 4) The violation may be condoned by charging NPV at 5 times of the NPV plus 12% simple interest till the deposit is made over the area of 6.0760 ha.
- 5) The following conditions may be imposed upon the Project authority.
 - a. Minimum distance between electrical conductor 3.9 meters, it exceeds the wingspan of the largest birds found in the area.
 - b. To avoid accidental collision of birds with power lines, suitable mitigation measures like bird diverts should be planned at suitable locations.


(SreeLakshmi. A)
Conservator, of Forests(T),
Nagpur.

- English Translation *

1. Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, MSECTL, Amravati.
2. The contractor carrying out the work concerned

- * To be sent to Divisional Forest Officer
- * To be sent to the Circle Officer

- * Office Copy
- * Second Copy
- * Third Original Copy

Witness :

1. Shri. Narayan Krushnaji Valke : Resident of Katol
2. Shir. Amit Janrao Thoyar : Resident of Digras

First Information Report of forest crime

No. 82/22

Date: 30/06/2020

(Details to be given by
Circle officer)

Beat Area : Isapur

Circle : Isapur

Date of Filing

Details of Crime : While patrolling beat area, illegal electrical line
Towers were seen on forest land

Date of Despatch

Where did it happen: Village Salai Rithi Forest Survey No. 63 area
100 sqm, village Salai Rithi Forest Survey No. 28 in Tower encroachment
100 sqm area . Investigations are in poccus.
Encroachment area is shown in the map

Serial Circle Crime

Reported under Maharashtra New Revenue Act 1966 section 53-54 .
Indian Forest Act, 1927 section 26 (1) a

Signature

What arrangements were made for imprisonment :

Date of Filing:

Circle Guard or Ranger

Goods stuck

Divisional Order No

What did he arrange

Divisional Crime Notebook No.

Place

Date

Isapur

Date : 30/06/2020

Sd/-
(V.P. Dongare)
RFO, Isapur

Signature
Divisional Forest Officer


Executive Engineer
E.H.V. Projects Division,
MSECTL Amravati

वन अपराध पाहल प्रातवृत्त

Annexure II (b)

(महाराष्ट्र वन-संहिता खंड दोन, परिच्छेद ६.१२)

१. क्रमांक/वर्ष 04984/2021

२. दिनांक 06/04/021

३. नियत क्षेत्र

काराळ

४. परिमंडळ काराळ

५. वन परिक्षेत्र काराळ

६. वन विभाग

नागापूर

७. अपराधाचा तपशील : (लेखनास जागा अपुरी असल्यास मागील पृष्ठावर लिहावे, अधिक लेखन असेल तर स्वतंत्र A-4 आकाराचा कागद वापरावा व तो सर्व प्रती सोबत लावावा)

संशयित आरोपी क्र १. कार्यकारी अभियंता अ३६१ प्रकल्प अमरावती

२. संबंधित काम ठरवारे ठरवारे वनीक्रीडागण्य माळकी

नावाने असेल त्या सर्वे क्र २१ मध्ये आतिशहा ठरून विनाप (वानजी विद्युत यंत्र १

उभारण्याने सु-ध नोंद केला.

८. जप्त मुद्देमालाचा तपशील :

वनीक्रीडागण्य सर्वे क्र २१ (कृष-क्षेत्र १.५९ हे. आ. पंजी

संशयित आरोपीने उखाडलेले 6.5x6.5=42.25 चौ.मीटर क्षेत्र

९. आरोपीचे तपशील : (आढळून आल्यास- नाव, वय, पत्ता, नमूद करावेत. अज्ञात असल्यास तशी नोंद करावी)

१ कार्यकारी अभियंता अ३६१ प्रकल्प अमरावती

२ संबंधित काम ठरवारे ठरवारे

१०. अपराधाचे ठिकाण : (शक्य असेल तिथे GPS नुसार अक्षांश व रेखांश लिहावेत)

मोजा आजीपाणी मंडिले सर्वे क्र २१ (कृष क्षेत्र १.५९ N- 21° 18' 23"

E 78° 35' 24"

११. अधिनियम व कलमे : (अपराध प्रकरणी प्रथम दर्शनी लागू होणारी कलमे व अधिनियम लिहावेत)

महाराष्ट्र जमिन महसुल अधिनियम १९६६-कलम ५३, ५४ अन्वये.

१२. इतर नोंद : (आवश्यक असल्यास) आतिशहा ह्या राना वनजमिनीच्या प्रकार- दुसरी जंगल मध्ये- कंदाज ३० मीटर उंचीच्या लांबी टॉवर सैख्या १ कवच विडुन आला.

१३. गुन्हा नोंदविल्याचे ठिकाण : मोजा- आजीपाणी सर्वे क्र- २१

१४. गुन्हा नोंदविणा-या अधिका-याची स्वाक्षरी, नाव व पदनाम : उत्तम शिंदे (१-१. वि. नोंदणी वनरक्षक कार्यलय विर

(स्थळ प्रत / वनपाल प्रत / वनक्षेत्रपाल प्रत / जपवनसंरक्षक प्रत - त्यास (✓) खूप करावी)

१६/४/२१
प्रकल्प अभियंता काराळ

- English Translation *

First Information Report – Forest Crime
(Maharashtra Forest Code Volume 2, Section 6. 12)

1. No./Year 04984/2021

2. Date 06/04/2021

124578

3 Beat Area : Karla

4. Circle : Katol

5. Forest Range : Katol

6. Forest Division : Nagpur

7. Particulars of the offense (if there is insufficient space for writing, write on the back page. If there is more writing, use separate A4 size paper and enclose with all copies)

Suspected accused No. 1 : Executive Engineer EHV Project Division Amravati.

2 : Contractor , carrying out the work concerned has encroached land owned by forest department in survey no. in 21. A case was registered for trespassing and erecting electricity Tower 1 without permission.

8. Details regarding seizure: Part of Forest Department Survey no. 21 Total Area 1. 49.

Area encroached by suspectd accused 6.5 x 6.5= 42.25 square meter.

9. Suspect's details : (If found - name, age, address should be mentioned. If unknown, record the same)

1- Executive Engineer EHV Project Division Amravati.

2 - The contractor carrying out the work concerned.

10. Place of crime: (Latitude and longitude should be recorded as per GPS wherever possible.)

Village Bhajipani Survey No. 21 total Area 1.49 Ha

(Northing : 21^o 18' 27" , Easting : 78^o 35' 24")

11. Acts and Sections (Sections and Acts which are prima facie applicable in the case of crime should be written)

Sections 53, 54 of the Maharashtra Land Revenue Act, 1966, etc

12. Other notes : (If necessary) Type of encroached forest land – Zudpi Jungle. An iron towerl number of approximately 30 meters height was found illegally constucted.

13. Place of Registration of Crime: Village Bhajipani Survey No. 21

14. Signature, Name, and Designation of the Reporting Officer: N. B. Chavan , Forest Guard, Katol Bit

(Place Copy/Forester copy/Ranger copy/ Deputy conservator of Forest copy should mark as (✓) mark.)


Executive Engineer
E.H.V. Projects Division.

उपवनसंरक्षक, नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालय,

(तिसरा माळा, नविन प्रशासकीय ईमारत, वनभवन, शासकीय मद्रणालयजवळ, छिरो माईल्स समोर, सिव्हील लाईन्स, नागपूर-४४०००१, ब्रह्मची क्र. ०७१३-२५६५६२४, ईमेल-dyofinagpur@mahaforest.gov.in)

विषय:- मौजा सालईरिठी, सर्व्हे क्र. २८,६३, मौजा कारला सर्व्हे क्र. ६८,६३ येथील वनविभागाचे वनजमीनीवर अतिक्रमण करून अवैधरित्या टॉवरचे बांधकाम.

क्रमांक कक्ष-११/वनसंवर्धन/प्र.क्र.४९२ /२०२२-२३/ 2646 नागपूर, दिनांक 06/11/2023

संदर्भ:- १. कार्यकारी अभियंता, ईएचव्ही प्रोजेक्ट डिवीजन एमएसईटीसीएल, अमरावती यांचेकडील पत्र क्र.ईई/ईएचव्ही/कन्सट/डीवी-१/एनजीपी/टेक/फारेस्ट/७४३, दिनांक २१/०५/२०२०.

२. केंद्र शासन पत्र क्रमांक एफसी-II/MH-२१६/२०२३ एनजीपी/१९३३०, दिनांक २५.०७.२०२३

उपरोक्त संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. १ अन्वये, वन (संवर्धन) अधिनियम १९८० चे कलम २ अंतर्गत कार्यकारी अभियंता यांचेकडून प्राप्त झालेला २२० के.व्ही डी.सी कळमेथर ते वरुड ट्रान्समिशन लाईनकरिता ६.०७६० हे. वनजमीन वळतीकरणाचा प्रस्ताव या कार्यालयास प्राप्त झालेला सदर प्रस्ताव Online नोंदणीकृत (FP/MH/TRANS/३८२१६/२०१९) करून हॉर्डकापीसह या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला आहे.

सदर प्रस्तावातील बाधित क्षेत्राची मौका तपासणी निम्नस्वाक्षरीकर्ता यांनी केली असता काटोल वनपरिक्षेत्रातील मौजा सालईरिठी, सर्व्हे क्र. २८,६३, मौजा कारला सर्व्हे क्र. ६८,६३ व मौजा भाजीपाणी सर्व्हे क्र. २१ येथील वनक्षेत्रावर एमएसईटीसीएल विभागाकडून तीन टॉवरचे बांधकाम करण्यात आल्याचे दिसुन आले आहे. सदर बांधकाम हे सन २०१५-१६ मध्ये झाले असल्याचे या कार्यालयास अवगत केले आहे. सदर प्रकरण हे वनजमीनीवरील अवैध अतिक्रमणाशी निगडित असुन सन २०१५-१६ मध्ये सदर कार्यक्षेत्राशी संबंधित अधिकारी/कर्मचारी यांनी कोणती कार्यवाही केली याबाबत प्रत्यक्षानुभव आधारित अहवाल व संबंधितांकडून वस्तुस्थितीबाबत अहवाल तसेच प्रतिबंधात्मक उपयायोजना केली नाही किंवा कसे, आवश्यक माहिती प्राप्त करणे आवश्यक आहे.

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(डॉ. भारत सिंह हाड)

उपवनसंरक्षक,
नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर

01/11/2023

प्रति,
१. श्री. ए.के. माकडे, तत्कालीन वनपरिक्षेत्र अधिकारी, काटोल, नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर
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प्रतिलिपी:- विभागीय वनअधिकारी, सामाजिक वनीकरण, अमरावती यांना माहिती व दिनांकित पोचपावती पाठविणेचे विनंतीसह सन्नेह अग्रोषित.

२. श्री. एस.डी. चाटे, तत्कालीन क्षेत्र सहाय्यक काटोल, नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर.
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४. श्री. जी. एम. गाथकवाड, तत्कालीन क्षेत्र सहाय्यक, ईसापूर
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Subject: Village Salai Rithi, Survey No. 28, 63, & Village Karla Survey No. 68, 63, construction of tower by encroachment on forest land of Forest Department.

Letter No. Desk-11/Forestland/Project No. 492 /2022-23/2646

Nagpur Date : 06/11/2023

Reference : 1) EE ,EHV Project Division MSETCL, Amravati Letter No. EE/EHV/Const./DV-1 / NGP /
Tech/Forest/743, Date 21/05/2020.

2) Central Govt. letter No. FC-II/MH-216/2023/NGP/11930, Date 25/07/2023.

With reference to the above letter No. 1, received from the Executive Engineer under Clause 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, The proposal for 220 K V DC from Kalameshwar to Warud through transmission 6. 0760 Ha forest land diversion received by this office has been registered online (FP/MH/Trans/38296/2019) and hard copy submitted to this office.

During the spot inspection of the affected area in the submitted proposal by the undersigned, Village Salai Rithi in Katol forest area, survey no. 28, 63, Village Karla Survey No. 68, 63 and Village Bhajipani Survey No. 21 It has been seen that three towers have been constructed by the MSETCL department on the forest area. This office has informed that the said construction had been done in the year 2015-16. The said case is related to the illegal encroachment on the forest land and it is necessary to get the necessary information about the action taken by the officers/employees related to the said area in the year 2015-16 and the report from the stakeholders about the actual situation and whether preventive measures taken or not is required.

Village Salai Rithi, Survey no. 28, 63, Village Karla Survey No. 68, 63 and Village Bhajipani Survey No. 21 In the case of encroachment on the land of the forest department and the illegal construction of the tower, the report of the preventive action taken during their tenure should be submitted to this office with necessary disclosures and documents within seven days. If your details with supporting documents are not received by this office within seven days, else it should be noted that it will be presumed that no action is taken and no preventive measures are taken and disciplinary action will be taken against them.

(Dr. Bharat sing Hadda)

Deputy Conservator,

Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur

To,

1. Shri A. K. Makade Forest Range officer Katol, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur
Through Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Amravati.
- CC.: Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Amravati. forwarded with request to send the information and dated acknowledgment to
2. Shri. S. D. Chate, The then Area Assistant Katol, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur
Through - Forest Range Officer, North Umred, Nagpur Forest Division Nagpur for information and dated acknowledgment should be submitted to this office
3. Shri. V. H. Mankavade, The then Forest Guard Katol, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur
Through - Forest Range Officer, Katol, Nagpur Forest Division Nagpur for information and dated acknowledgment should be submitted to this office
4. Shri. G. M. Gaikwad, The then Area Assistant, Isapur
Through - Deputy Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur Forest Division Nagpur with request to send acknowledgment with information
5. Shri. V.P. Dongare, the then Forest Guard, Isapur.
Through - Forest Range Officer, Narkhed, Nagpur Forest Division Nagpur for information and dated acknowledgment should be submitted to this office


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Ref. No. EE/EHV/Proj/Dn/Amt/Tech/ 3162

Date: 27/08/2020

To,

Shri G.L. Mane,
Line Foreman

Subject: Warning letter regarding violation under FCA 1980 Act in r/o construction of 220 kV Kalmeshwar Warud Transmission line.

As per FCA1980, to carry out any construction activity in forest area, it is necessary to obtain permission from forest department. However, during construction of 220 KV EHV Kalmeshwar-Warud transmission line, it is observed that some of the tower foundations/errections was constructed in forest area without permission of forest department.

It is noticed that enough care has not been taken by you, to identify forest boundaries before carrying out any activity on forest area. This shows negligence on your part.

Therefore, you are hereby strictly warned not to do such act in future or otherwise strict action will be taken as per service regulations.

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To,

Shri B.S. Amle,
Assistant Engineer (C)

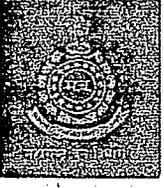
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प्रति,

प्रधान सचिव (वने),
महसुल व वनविभाग,
मंत्रालय, मुंबई-३२.

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. दि. १६/१०/२०२३ रोजी संपन्न झालेली राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाची २२ वी बैठक.
३. प्रकल्प यंत्रणेस उद्देशून लिहिलेले या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/ प्र.क्र.१९०/२३४१, दि. २३/१०/२०२३.
४. अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांना उद्देशून लिहिलेले व प्रत या कार्यालयास पृष्ठांकित केलेले वनसंरक्षक तथा क्षेत्र संचालक, पेंच व्याघ्र प्रकल्प, नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-५/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र.३२१/१२५७, दि. ३१/१०/२०२३.

संदर्भीय पत्र १ अन्वये विषयांकित प्रकरणीचा प्रस्ताव राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाचे निर्णयार्थ ठेवण्यासाठी राज्य शासनास सादर करण्यात आलेला होता. राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाचे दिनांक १६/१०/२०२३ रोजीचे २२ व्या बैठकीमध्ये विषयांकित प्रस्ताव निर्णयार्थ मंडळासमोर सादर करण्यात आला होता. मंडळाने सदर बैठकीमध्ये प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावाची मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांनी घालून दिलेल्या अटींवर राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाकडे पाठविण्याची शिफारस केलेली आहे.

राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या २२ व्या राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या निर्णयानुसार मंडळाने घालून दिलेल्या अटींची पूर्तता करण्यासाठी प्रकल्प यंत्रणेस संदर्भ पत्र ३ अन्वये खालीलप्रमाणे अटी पूर्तता करण्याचे कळविण्यात आले होते.

- १) भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, डेहरादूनने सुचविलेल्या उपशमन उपायाचा खर्च प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने उचलला पाहिजे.
- २) भारतीय विद्युत नियमानुसार, सुमारे २२० के.व्ही. विद्युत वाहिनी जमिनीपासून किमान ७ मीटर उंचीवर असणे गरजेचे आहे.
- ३) पक्ष्यांवर विजेचा झटका बसू नये म्हणून दोन कंडक्टर/वाहिन्यामध्ये सुमारे ३.९ मीटर उभे अंतर राखले पाहिजे. यामुळे मोठ्या पंख असलेल्या पक्ष्यांचा विद्युत प्रवाहाचा धोका कमी होऊ शकतो.

- ४) पक्ष्यांचे विद्युत वाहिनीशी होणारे अपघाती टक्कर टाळण्यासाठी, CEA/MOEF&CC द्वारे सूचनांनुसार योग्य ठिकाणी बर्ड डायव्हर्टर्ससारखे योग्य उपशमन-उपाययोजना केल्या जाणे आवश्यक आहे.
- ५) विद्युत वाहिनीमधील किमान अंतर ३.९ मीटर इतके असून, परिसरात आढळणाऱ्या सर्वात मोठ्या पक्ष्यांच्या पंखांच्या आकारापेक्षा जास्त आहे.
- ६) वरील प्रस्तावित शमन उपायांव्यतिरिक्त, वनविभागाने व इतर वैज्ञानिक संस्थेने निर्धारित केलेले शमन उपाय आणि जैवविविधतेचे संवर्धन आणि संरक्षण कंपनीद्वारे लागू केले जातील.
- ७) पक्ष्यांच्या उड्डाण वर्तनावर आधारित तांत्रिक मर्यादांमध्ये विद्यमान जाळीच्या संरचनेच्या टॉवरची उंची बाढवणे.
- ८) वनविभागाने सुचविलेल्याप्रमाणे इतर विशिष्ट उपाययोजना.

प्रकल्पाची सार्वजनिक उपयुक्तता लक्षात घेऊन, प्रस्तावित प्रकल्पाची शिफारस पुढील अतिरिक्त अटींवर केली जातील:

- i. वन्यजीवांचे संवर्धन आणि संरक्षण करण्यासाठी प्रकल्प खर्चाच्या २% रक्कम संवर्धन आणि संरक्षण निधी म्हणून उपलब्ध करून द्यावी.
- ii. भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, डेहराडून यांनी सुचविलेल्या उपशमन योजना प्रकल्प यंत्रणेनी त्यांच्या खर्चाने राबविण्यात याव्या.
- iii. प्रकल्पाच्या कामात गुंतलेले प्रकल्प कर्मचारी, सर्व विद्यमान कायद्यांच्या तरतुदींचे विशेषतः पर्यावरण संरक्षण कायदा, १९८६, वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) कायदा, १९७२ वन (संरक्षण) कायदा, १९८० आणि त्याअंतर्गत बनवलेले नियम पाळतील. प्रकल्पाच्या परिसरातील वनस्पती, प्राणी यांचे संवर्धन आणि संरक्षणासाठी खबरदारीचे उपाय घेतील.
- iv. प्रस्तावित प्रकल्पासाठी ३८६ झाडे तोडणे आवश्यक आहे. झाडे लावण्याचा खर्च प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने उचलावा.
- v. कोणतीही मानवी किंवा वन्यजीव दुर्घटना टाळण्यासाठी टॉवर उभारणीच्या कामाच्या ठिकाणी बॅरिकेडिंगची तरतूद करावी.
- vi. प्रकल्प यंत्रणेनी कोणत्याही पानथळ आणि वनक्षेत्रावर मलबा टाकाला जाणार नाही याची काळजी घ्यावी.
- vii. कॉरिडॉरवर कमीत कमी परिणाम होण्यासाठी पारेषण लाईन टाकणे आणि तत्सम कामे अत्यंत सावधगिरीने केली पाहिजेत.
- viii. विविध वैधानिक प्राधिकरणांकडून इतर सर्व अनिवार्य परवानग्या काम सुरू करण्यापूर्वी प्राप्त केल्या पाहिजेत.
- ix. वन्यजीव आणि त्यांच्या अधिवासाचे कोणतेही नुकसान किंवा वन्यप्राण्यांना त्रास होणार नाही याची खात्री केली जाईल.
- x. प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने वन्यजीव (संरक्षण), अधिनियम १९७२ चा भंग केल्यामुळे व्याघ्र भ्रमण मार्गातील अंदाज पत्रकीय रक्कम रु. ५.०० कोटीचे १% रक्कम रु. ५.०० लक्ष दंड म्हणून भरणा करावी.

वरील अटींचे अनुषंगाने प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने अट क्र. i नुसार २% रक्कम रु. ०.०१ कोटी आणि अट क्र. x नुसार 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 दिनांक ३०/१०/२०२३ रोजी (RTGS) द्वारे भरणा करण्यात आलेली आहे. तसेच अट क्र. १ ते ८ आणि ii ते ix बाबत मुद्रांकावर (Stamp Paper) लिखित हमीपत्र सादर केलेला आहे. त्याबाबतचा अहवाल प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने संदर्भ पत्र-४ अन्वये या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला आहे. (प्रत सहपत्रीत)

तरी सदरहू प्रस्ताव Part V सह राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाचे निर्णयार्थ ठेवण्यासाठी केंद्र शासनास सादर करण्याची विनंती आहे.

सहपत्र :- वरील प्रमाणे.


(महिप गुप्ता)

प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव),
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- प्रतिलिपी :- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक तथा केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.
- प्रतिलिपी :- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.
- प्रतिलिपी :- वनसंरक्षक तथा क्षेत्र संचालक, पेंच व्याघ्र प्रकल्प, नागपूर यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.
- प्रतिलिपी :- मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), नागपूर यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.
- प्रतिलिपी :- उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), नागपूर यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.
- प्रतिलिपी :- कार्यकारी अभियंता, अउदा प्रकल्प विभाग, प्रकाश सरिता, प्रशासकीय इमारत, ए-विंग, तळमजला, २२० के.व्ही. उपकेंद्र परिसर, मोर्शी रोड, अमरावती यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित. (Email- ce1620@mahatransco.in)

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No. Desk-23/(2)/land/Wildlife/Survey/Pro.No. 190/3503/2023-24

Date 02/11/2023

To,
Principal Secretary (Forests)
Revenue and Forest Department
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 32

Subject: Proposal for wildlife recognition in respect of forest and non-forest land for laying power line between 220KV Kalameshwar to Warud in Bor-Pench Tiger Trekking Route. 30.684 ha. in Nagpur district
(Bor-Pench Tiger Trekking Route)

- Ref. : 1. T.O. Letter No. Desk-23(2)/Wildlife/Survey/Pro. No. 190/2154. Date 13/10/2023.
2. 22nd Meeting of State Wildlife Board held on date. 16/10/2023.
3. This office letter addressed to the project authority Letter No. Desk-23(2)/Wildlife/Survey/Pro.No. 190/2341. Date 23/10/2023.
4. Letter addressed to Upper Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) East, Nagpur and copy endorsed to this office Conservator of Forests and Area Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur letter no. Desk-5/Survey/Pro. No. 321/1257 dt 31/10/2023.

With reference to letter under ref. 1 above the proposal of the subject matter was submitted to the State Government for decision of the State Wildlife Board. In the 22nd meeting of the State Wildlife Board dated 16/10/2023 the subject proposal was presented before the Board for decision. The Board recommended that the proposal presented in the said meeting be forwarded to the National Wildlife Board on the terms laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State.

As per the decision of the 22nd State Wildlife Board of the State Wildlife Board, in order to fulfill the conditions laid down by the Board, the project authority was informed to fulfill the following conditions under reference letter 3.

1. The cost of mitigation measures suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun should be borne by the project authority.
2. As per Indian Electricity Rules, about 220 kV power lines must be at least 7 meters above the ground.
3. A vertical distance of 3.9 meters should be maintained between two conductors/conduits to prevent electric shock to birds. This can reduce the risk of electrocution of large winged birds.
4. To avoid accidental collision of birds with power lines, suitable mitigation measures like bird diverts should be planned at suitable locations as suggested by CEA/MOEF&CC.
5. Minimum distance between electrical conduits 3.9 meters, it exceeds the wingspan of the largest birds found in the area.

6. In addition to the above proposed mitigation measures, mitigation measures prescribed by the Forest Department and other scientific bodies and conservation and protection of biodiversity will be implemented by the project authority.
7. Increasing the tower height of the existing mesh structure within the technical limitations based on the flight behavior of the birds.
8. Other specific measures as suggested by the Forest Department.

Considering the public utility of the project, the proposed project will be recommended subject to the following additional conditions

- i. 2% of the project cost should be made available as conservation and protection fund for conservation and protection of wildlife.
- ii. The mitigation plan suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun should be implemented by the project authority at its own cost.
- iii. The project staff engaged in the work of the project shall comply with the provisions of all existing laws, particularly the Environment Protection Act, 1986, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Forest (Protection) Act, 1980 and the rules made there under, shall take precautionary measures for the conservation and protection of flora and fauna in the project area.
- iv. The proposed project requires cutting of 386 trees. The cost of planting trees should be borne by the project system
- v. Barricading should be provided at the work site of tower construction to avoid any human or wildlife accident.
- vi. The project authority should ensure that no debris is dumped on any water bodies and forest areas.
- vii. Care should be taken not to lay and pass transmission lines to minimize impact on corridors.
- viii. All other mandatory permissions from various statutory authorities should be obtained before commencing work.
- ix. It will be ensured that there is no damage or disturbance to wildlife and their habitat.
- x. Due to the violation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 by the project authority, the 1% amount of estimated sum of Rs. 5.00 crores Rs. 5.00 lakhs to be paid as penalty.

In accordance with the above conditions, the project authority as per condition-I, 2% i.e. Rs. 0. 10 crore and as per condition No. X the amount of penalty is Rs. 0. 05 crores totaling Rs. 0. 15 Crores has been paid through (RTGS) dated 30/10/2023 to the Tiger Conservation Foundation of the Director of Forest Conservation and Area, Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuaries in Maharashtra State

Also condition no. in respect of 1 to 8 and ii to ix, a written undertaking has been submitted on stamp paper. A report in this regard has been submitted to this office by the project authority under reference letter-4. (Copy attached).

Accordingly it is requested to submit the said proposal along with Part V to the Central Government for decision of the National Wildlife Board.

Correspondence:- As above.

Sd/-
(Mahip Gupta)
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife)
Maharashtra State

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