

MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD



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JUSTIFICATION

1.The Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd, Urja Bhawan, New Administrative Building, Baramati, District Pune Maharashtra is intending to seek an *ex- post facto* approval of the Competent Authority, under provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of lease of Forest Land for continuing operations of existing 33/11 KV Sub- Station at Mahabaleshwar, District Satara.

2.The land for the Sub-Station has been allotted by the Collector, Satara by an order dated 16/04/1974. The documents available on records suggests that the term of the lease is concluded in the year 2004. The Forest Department, Satara has asked the MSEDCL to seek Forest Clearance for continuing operation of the Sub- Station, vide letter No. B/LAND/2017.18/2227 dated 16/06/2017. There is no document available with this office to confirm that whether any proposal was submitted in the past for renewal of lease after 2004 or not.

3.However, since the land under lease attract the provisions under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, to be able to renew the lease, the MSEDCL has decided to obtain *ex- post facto* approval of the Competent Authority for renewing the lease and continuing the operations of the Sub- Station.

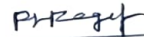
4.The Sub- Station is catering the very basic need of local people and eventually the businesses, which are contributing substantially to the economy & development of the Mahabaleshwar city and adjoining villages. The basic need of supplying electricity to local people in the viesinity is provided by MSEDCL through this 33/11KV Sub-station. Since the project is already executed and is in operation from 1974, there is no alternative available with the MSEDCL, but to seek an *ex- post facto* approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for continuing operations of the Sub- Station. The Forest Land used in the project is, therefore, unavoidable and used to the extent of barest minimum i. e. 0.3716Ha.

Therefore, the project is located in Forest Land and;hence, the present proposal.

Date: 16/12/2022

Place: Baramati

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