Government of Maharashtra

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No.FLD-3222/C.R.213/F-10 Revenue and Forest Department, Madame Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032. Date: 14.09.2022

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Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India, Civil Lines,
Nagpur-440 001.

Subject: Forest Land- Yavatmal

Diversion of 0.45 ha. Forest land for Construction of LILO on 132 KV Yavatmal - Yavatmal MIDC line for 132 KV Darwha Sub-Station Transmission Line in Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/TRANS/37560/2018).

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted the proposal for Diversion of 0.45 ha. Forest land for Construction of LILO on 132 KV Yavatmal - Yavatmal MIDC line for 132 KV Darwha Sub-Station Transmission Line in Yavatmal District.

2. The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Taluka & Dist	District	Comp No.	Survey/ Gut No.	Length & Width (In mtr)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1.	Darwha	Yavatmal	96	31	27 X 166.50	0.45	Reserved Forest

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal has certified that:-

- 3.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2 The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is below 0.4 to 0.6 (Dense Forest).
- 3.3 There are 57 trees of various species and trees is involved in implementation of the Project.
- 3.4 The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6 There is a violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Violation Report is enclosed in the proposal.
- 3.7 The proposed area is beyond 42 km from Karanja Sohal and 73 km from the boundary of the protected area of Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary.

- 3.8 The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.
- 3.9 Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 1 ha. degraded forest land compartment No. 112 at Village Darwha (Kinhi Valgi), Tah. Darwha, Dist. Yavatmal and It is contiguous, suitable for Afforestation and management purpose, free from encroachment and an encumbrances. The details of compensatory Afforestation is as under:-
- 4.10 Three Alternatives have been examined in detail and alignment passing through village Pandhurana is most suitable for forestry point.

5. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that:-

- 5.1 To defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation
- 5.2 To defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land
- 5.3 To submit the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
- 6. Project involves felling of 57 trees and there is violation of FCA, 1980. Hence, proposal can not be decided at State Government level.
- 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 8. In the circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.

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2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land forest land forest land for forest land for forest land forest la

- 3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of compensatory Afforestation & Net Present Value of the Forest land
- 4. Brief note of the project from the project authority
- 5. Map of proposed land for Compensatory Afforestation
- 6. Site Inspection Report
- 7. Violation Report
- 8. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

- 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O. (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
- 2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Yavatmal/I.D.13183/786/2022-23, Dt. 30.06.2022.
- 3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Yavatmal.
- 4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal.
- 5. Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, Amravati.
- r 6. Select File.

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PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

1. Recommendation of the State Government

The proposal is recommended vide Government letter No.FLD-3222/C.R.213/F-10

Dated: 14/09/2022

(Ganesh Jadhao)
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