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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-1320/ CR-191/ F-10**

**Dated: 16/03/2021**

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**(Arvind Apte)**

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Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032**

**Place : Mumbai**

**Date : 16/03/2021**

# Government of Maharashtra

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Revenue and Forest Department,  
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Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.  
Date:- 16/03/2021

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

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Sir,

Vice President (Operation), Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Limited, FTWZ at Sai, Tal.Panvel, Dist.Raigad has submitted a proposal for diversion of 18.3915 Ha. of forest land for construction & laying of 220 KV double circuit transmission line by making LILO on 220 KV Uran Apta line no.4 at tower location no.30 to substation at SEZ area of Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. Total 7.73 Ha. non-forest land is involved in this project. The detailed area statement of forest land is shown as under:-

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Village Name	Taluka & District	Details of Forest Land				Legal Status
		Survey No./ Gut No.	Length X Width (in Mtr)	Area		
				in Sq.Mtr.	in Ha.	
Ransai	Tal.Uran Dist. Raigad	53	356.84	12489.40	1.2489	Private Forest (Deemed RF)
		8	25.00	437.50	0.0438	
		6	110.00	1100.00	0.1100	
		125	104.47	3656.45	0.3656	
		124	1283.52	6423.20	0.6423	
		123	13.44	470.40	0.0470	
		1	95.57	3344.95	0.345	
		5	250.84	779.40	0.8779	
		31	198.34	6941.90	0.6942	
		42	340.00	11900.00	1.1900	
		45	465.00	16275.00	1.6275	
		48	429.00	15039.73	1.5040	
		127 P	1160.00	40600.00	4.0600	
		Chirner	Tal.Uran Dist. Raigad	168	834.73	29215.55
Sai	Tal.Panvel Dist. Raigad	Forest	397.76	13921.60	1.3922	Reserved Forest
Dolghar	Tal.Panvel Dist. Raigad	80 (Old 70)	362.32	12681.20	1.2681	Private Forest (Deemed RF)
		81 (Old 71)	4.12	144.20	0.0144	
		77 (Old 67)	14.11	493.85	0.0494	
Total Forest Area in Hectare					18.3915	



2. The User Agency has highlighted that, project is proposed to feed the SEZ area bearing survey no.143, 142 & 144 at Sai village. The ESZ is notified by department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industries, GOI under subsection (8) of section-3 of the SEZ Act, 2005, vide Gazette Notification No.GSR SO 1158(E), dated 04/05/2009; GSR SO 757(E), dated 05/04/2010; GSR SO 1800, dated 22/07/2010 and GSR SO 2439, dated 27/10/2011 for 57.045 Ha. Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Limited (LBSCBL) is a registered company under the companies Act, 2013. LBSCBL has executed co-development agreement with Arshiya Limited on 31/08/2018 for providing utility services to the ESZ inter-alia including the distribution of electricity to the existing and new consumers within the said ESZ.

Maharashtra State Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide its order dated 17/12/2018 in case no.275 of 2018 has taken on record, the status of deemed distribution licensee for distribution of electricity in the area of notified SEZ to the co-developer LBSCBL. Maharashtra State Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide its order dated 08/03/2019 has taken on record, the status of deemed distribution licensee for distribution of electricity in the area of notified SEZ to the co-developer LBSCBL.

State transmission utility which is Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd, vide its letter dated 05/07/2019 has granted LBSCBL the connectivity to tap 220 KV line from Uran generating station to 220 KV Apta substation. Power supply on 220 KV level will increase quality and reliability which is the foremost requirement of IT companies including uninterrupted power supply from double circuit. The Central and State Govt. is promoting the data centre business and giving certain incentive for such special economic zones with data centres and other IT/ITES industries in this area, will open up job opportunities on larger scale which will enhance the living standard of the vicinity area. Further units in the notified area would be 100 % FDI which will boost our economy. Hence, User Agency has submitted the proposal for diversion of 18.3915 Ha. forest land under section-2(ii) of FCA, 1980.

**3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has certified that:-**

- i. No suitable alternate non forest land is available for the proposed project and demand for the forest land is the barest minimum.
- ii. Three alternate alignments have been examined and alignment no.1 is selected due to minimum forest land and does not involve in ESZ area.
- iii. The area belongs to Eco Value Class-I having density 0.3.
- iv. There are 3439 trees of various species involved in the implementation of the project.
- v. Forest area involved in project is not included in the area of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary and the Nature Reserve.
- vi. Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- vii. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

- viii. Proposed area is beyond Karnala Bird Sanctuary and not included in ESZ of Karnala Bird Sanctuary. The distance from Karnala Bird Sanctuary is about 0.84 KM.
- ix. The non-forest land 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 under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 12/12/1996.
- x. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has submitted the site inspection report.
- xi. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune has certified that 41.00 Ha. degraded forest area of gut no.378 at Village-Khorodi, Tal.Daund, Dist.Pune has been selected for Compensatory Afforestation & is free from encroachment and encumbrances. CA scheme for 10 years submitted.
- xii. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag has reported that the Private Forest Land involved in this project i.e. survey no. 53, 125, 123, 1, 5, 31, 42, 45, 48 (Area-8.5320 Ha.) of village-Ransai, Tal-Uran, Dist-Raigad which includes in WP No.3940/1991, 56/2003, 3983/1998, 4395/2004, 5153/2004. Which are still pending in the Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai. In this regard, the User Agency has submitted non-indemnity certificate.

**4. The User Agency has submitted the following undertakings:-**

- i. To defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.
  - ii. To defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation as determined by the forest Department.
  - iii. The User Agency has not submitted the FRA-2006 certificate. However, submitted the undertaking stating that the same will be submitted on receipt from respective District Collector.
  - iv. Agree to bear the cost of clearance/ removed of the vegetation growth from the proposed forest land.
5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag and Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane have recommended the proposal.
6. 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. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
7. In the circumstances explained in above paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted for the non-



forestry use subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the same may please be obtained and communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,

*Arvind Apte*  
16/03/2024  
(Arvind Apte)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

**Encl:** A) Set of case papers

b) **The following documents are enclosed:-**

1. Prescribed form as per Rules
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Area Statement
4. Index map of suitable scale
5. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of exploitation as well as cost of compensatory plantation
6. User Agency has given an undertaking of Net Present Value
7. Brief note of the project from the project authority
8. Map of non-forest land for compensatory afforestation
9. Site Inspection Report
10. No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
11. Certificate in Part-V

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Secretary (Energy), Industry, Energy and Labour Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane
5. Collector, Raigad
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag
7. Vice President (Operation), Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Limited, FTWZ at Sai, Tal.Panvel, Dist.Raigad
8. Select File F-10.