

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-2022/CR-306/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated:- 16.06.2023

To,

Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Nagpur & Chandrapur

Diversion of 3.064 ha. Protected/Zudpi Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Umred to Nagbhid Extra High Voltage electricity Transmission project in Nagpur-Chandrapur District of the State of Maharashtra line (FP/MH/TRANS/44469/2020)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 3.064 ha. Protected /Zudpi Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Lored a Naghhid Extra High Voltage electricity Transmission line project in Nagpur-Chandrapur District of the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	District	Range	Taluka	Name of Village	Compt. No.	Survey No.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status		
1	laying of 220 KV Umred to Nagbhid	Nagpur	South Umred	Umred	Kalandri	-	70	0.021	Zudpi Jungle		
					Sonegaon	-	45	0.045			
2	Extra High Voltage electricity Transmission line project in Nagpur-Chandrapur District	Chandrapur	Chimur	Chimur	Sathgaon	-	384	0.025	Protected Forest		
					Nagbhid	Nagbhid	Kanpa	-		241	0.079
			-	-			242	0.085			
			-	-			498	262		1.465	
			Nagbhid	Nagbhid	Bikali	-	-	498		278	0.760
						-	-	498		35	0.532
						-	-	-		296	0.024
-	-	-	Mohali Mokasa	-	-	21	0.027	Protected Forest			
Total Forest Land (Ha.)								3.064			

2. The proposal has been initiated by the Executive Engineer, EIIV Project Division, MSETCL Nagpur for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Looking to the existing condition of power generation units and the preset power requirement in Maharashtra State, the related work are being taken up and MSETCL has decided to improve the supply of power requirement by constructing new power generation units at Koradi, Khaparkheda, Chandrapur, Paras, & Parli in Maharashtra State: To maintain the and reliable power supply, it is decided to interlink these power generation units by laying 400, 200, & 132 KV EHV Transmission line. The project is administratively approved by Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd vide letter No. MSETCL/Resolution No. 116/11 dated 15/05/2017. The route for this transmission line is as proposed by MSETCL, Nagpur. The route of mission line plans to construct and operate 220 KV D/C Umred to Nagbhid D/C Transmission line to interlink Sub/stn at 200 KV Umred and proposed 220 KV Nagbhid Sub/stn. This transmission line is very essential to construct the said line in of zero loads shedding to be implemented we f. 2013. The transmission line is passing through the forest area hence; the User Agency has submitted the proposal under FCA 1980. The total route length of the transmission line is 51.255 Kms. The total non-forest land involved in this project is 176.087 ha.

3. The Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur & Bramhapuri have certified that:-

- 3.1) No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 3.3) Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 6.13 ha. over degraded forest land in Survey No. 139, Comptt. No. 849, village-Khedmakta, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur and it is suitable for afforestation & free from encroachment.
- 3.4) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.5) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.6) There are 386 trees of various species and trees are involved in implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under

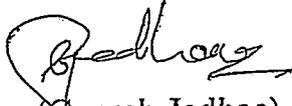
Tree Girth in Cm						Total
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	150 above	
48	191	77	36	14	20	386

- 3.7) (i) Proposed project is within 10 Km from the boundary of Umred Karandla Wildlife Sanctuary.
(ii) Proposed project is at 2 Km from the boundary of Ghodazari Wildlife Sanctuary
- 3.8) (i) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is below 0.4 (Southern tropical dry deciduous forest)
(ii) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is below 0.2 to 0-3 Open Forest.
- 3.9) 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.
- 3.10) (i) Three alternative alignment options were there and option 1 is the most feasible and possible to avoid or minimize use of forest land and the required forest area is minimum needed for the purpose of proposed project.
(ii) There a no alternative alignment is possible to avoid or minimize use of forest land and the pared forest area is minimum needed for the purpose of proposed project.
4. **The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-**
- 4.1 to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
- 4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.
5. 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.
6. 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 the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur as well as following additional condition:-

"User agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance, till then working permission shall not be granted."

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

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Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Area Statement
3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-12778/1819/22-23, Dt. 15.10.2022.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur / Bramhapuri.
7. Executive Engineer, EIIV Project Division, MSETCL Nagpur.
8. Select File (F-10)

Sub:- Forest Land-Nagpur & Chandrapur

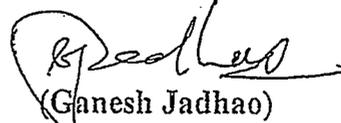
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PART - V

(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-2022/CR-306/F-10 Dated:- 16/06/2023



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By Speed Post

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Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date: 17/12/2024.

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 and Chandrapur

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- Ref: 1. Your Office Letter No. FC-I/MH-335/2023-NGP/11956, Dt.27.07.2023.
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/ PID-44469/ Nagpur/ 1952/24-25 Nagpur, Dated : 05.12.2024

MoEF&CC, Government of India has sought additional information with respect to proposal for diversion of 3.064 ha Protected/Zudpi Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Umred to Nagbhid Extra High Voltage electricity Transmission Project in Nagpur-Chandrapur District of the State of Maharashtra.

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..



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Encl: As above.

Copy to:

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2. Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and Bramhapuri.
4. The Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-I MHETCL, Nagpur

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**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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Query Compliance

No. : Desk-17/Nodal/PID-44469/Nagpur/ 1952 /24-25
Nagpur- 440 001, Dated: 5/12/2024

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralya, Mumbai – 400032**

Sub: Diversion of 3.064 ha forest land for construction of 220 kV D/C Transmission Line from Umred to Nagbhid under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.(Bramhapuri-2.998 ha & Nagpur-0.066 ha) (FP/MH/TRANS/44469/2020).

Ref: 1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Regional Office, Nagpur letter dtd. 27/7/2023.
2. The Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur letter no. Desk-10/Land/C.R.1033/2024-25/1133, dtd. 27/11/2024.

The Government of India vide letter under reference No.1 raised certain queries. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, vide letter under reference No. 2, has submitted the compliance report for the same to this office. The report, as desired by the Government of India vide letter dated 27/7/2023, is being submitted as follows:

Sr. No.	Query	Compliance
i	The instant proposal has not been forwarded to Regional Office, Nagpur, the proposal is showing as pending at User Agency level. The proposal has to be forwarded to Regional Office, Nagpur for further consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.	The instant proposal is being forwarded to Regional Office for further consideration.
ii	Part -V is also not uploaded on Parivesh Portal. The same needs to be uploaded and intimated to this office.	The Principal Secretary, Forests is requested to submit Part -V.

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iii	KML file of land identified to carry out Compensatory Afforestation has not been uploaded on Parivesh Portal. The same needs to be loaded and intimated to this office.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, the KML file of land identified to carry out CA of village Khedmatka Comp. no. 849, Gut no. 139, and Area 6.13 ha Tal Brahmapuri, Division Brahmapuri is uploaded on Parivesh Portal.
iv	Differential GPS map of CA land is not submitted in suitable scale. Differential GPS map of CA land in suitable scale certified by DCF concerned needs to be submitted.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, Differential GPS map of CA land is submitted in scale of 1:50,000 and 1:15,000 is enclosed. (Annexure-B)
v	DCF, Bramhapuri has mentioned in his certificate that proposed area is within 10 Km of Ghodazari Wildlife Sanctuary. Since Eco-Sensitive Zone of Ghodazari Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified, ESZ deemed to be 10 Km. The State Government shall obtain comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SBWL Maharashtra State has recommended the said proposal and forwarded to New Delhi on dt: 09.01.24 for NBWL approval. 2. At present the NBWL proposal was considered for In-Principle approval in the 78th Standing Committee Meeting held on 22.02.2024 at New Delhi. 3. The Minutes of Meeting of the meeting conveyed by PCCF Wildlife, Nagpur vide letter dt: 14.03.2024. 4. PCCF Wildlife, Nagpur conducted VC meeting regarding site inspection and mitigation measures as per the guidelines of the 78th NBWL Standing Committee and conveyed the site inspection in the first week of May-24. 5. The site visit of the NBWL Committee members was carried out on dt: 01.05.2024 for suggesting the mitigation measures and adequate management plan for the area below the Transmission line. 6. Report of the committee for mitigation measures submitted by NBWL committee on dated 12.07.2024 enclosed as Annexure - C.

		<p>7. Observations and say of MSETCL members submitted to MoEF&CC members vide email dt: 18.07.2024 enclosed as Annexure -D.</p> <p>8. NBWL 79th Standing Committee meeting conducted on 31.07.2024. Proposal is approved in the 79th Standing Committee of NBWL vide Minutes of Meeting dated 23.08.2024 enclosed as Annexure-E.</p>
vi	<p>Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bramhapuri has mentioned in his Part -II that there are no rare, endangered and unique species, whereas in his Site Inspection Report, it is mentioned that there are presence of Schedule I species like Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Wild Dog, Pangolin, Indian Gaur, Striped Hyaena and Indian Peafowl. Specific recommendations/comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any, shall be submitted.</p>	<p>As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, the NBWL proposal no. FP/MH/TRANS/44469/2020 is approved in the 79th Standing Committee dt: 31.07.2024 conveyed through Minutes of Meeting dated 23.08.2024.</p> <p>The same is conveyed by office of the PCCF Wildlife, Nagpur vide letter no. 2164/2024-25 dt: 07.10.2024. The Minutes of Meeting dated 23.08.2024 and letter from office of the PCCF Wildlife, Nagpur is enclosed herewith for ready reference. Annexure- F.</p>
vii	<p>DCF, Nagpur and DCF, Bramhapuri have mentioned in their reports that the proposed line is part of Tiger Corridor identified by WII, Dehradun. Further it is also mentioned that the area should be thoroughly examined by WII experts and a detailed mitigation plan should be prepared and same should be implemented in letter and spirit by the Project Authority. Detailed mitigation plan prepared by WII, Dehradun and approved by PCCF (Wildlife)/Chief Wildlife Warden shall be submitted. Details of NBWL clearance status needs to be submitted.</p>	<p>As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SBWL Maharashtra State has recommended the said proposal and forwarded to New Delhi on dt: 09.01.24 for NBWL approval. 2. At present the NBWL proposal was considered for In-Principle approval in the 78th Standing Committee Meeting held on 22.02.2024 at New Delhi. 3. The Minutes of Meeting of the meeting conveyed by PCCF Wildlife, Nagpur vide letter dt: 14.03.2024. 4. PCCF Wildlife, Nagpur conducted VC meeting regarding site inspection and mitigation measures as per the guidelines of the 78th NBWL Standing Committee and conveyed the site inspection in the first

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viii	Complete enumeration list of trees with species name which are proposed to be felled in the proposal has not been submitted. Girth wise complete enumeration list of trees with species name shall be submitted.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, complete enumeration list of trees with species name is submitted herewith as Annexure-G.
ix	KML file of alternative alignments explored by User Agency/ DCF concerned is not submitted alongwith the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, KML file of alternative alignments explored by User Agency/DCF concerned is uploaded on the Parivesh Portal and the soft copy is submitted herewith as Annexure –H.
x	Cross sectional map is not submitted alongwith proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, cross sectional map is submitted herewith as Annexure-I.
xi	Maps viz. Differential GPS Map, Index Map/SoI toposheet on 1:50.000 scale, Project layout map, 10 Km radius map showing PA's and Protected area distance map submitted alongwith proposal has not been certified by DCF concerned.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, signed Maps are enclosed and submitted herewith as Annexure-J.

	Certified copy of the same needs to be submitted.	
xii	Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be provided.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, 16 nos. of employments on permanent basis on commissioning of line and about 200 nos. of employment on temporarily basis during construction activities will be generated.

This is for your information and further needful action.

Encl: As above 2 copies.

Yours sincerely,



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