

Government of Maharashtra

No.FLD-12A23/C.R.345/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.
Dated:- 15.05.2024

To,
Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India,
Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Palghar

Proposal for diversion of 3.3561 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction and laying of 132 KV Dahanu Ambesari Transmission line, for establishment of propose NHSRCL's 132 KV Ambesari Transmission line, Dist. Palghar in the State of Maharashtra.
(FP/MH/Trans/143795/2021)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 3.3561 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction and laying of 132 KV Dahanu Ambesari Transmission line, for establishment of propose NHSRCL's 132 KV Ambesari Transmission line, Dist. Palghar in the State of Maharashtra

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

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	District	Name of Village	Taluka	Surv ey No.	Gut No.	Lengt h & Width	Area (in ha.)	Legal status
1	Construction and laying of 132 KV Dahanu Ambesari Transmission line, for establishment of propose NHSRCL's 132 KV Ambesari Transmission line, Dist. Palghar.	Palghar	Mankode	Dahanu	--	57	610 X 27	1.6470	Mangrove
2			Saravali		353	16A/ 1A/A 1	24 X 72	0.1998	
					353	13 Part	44 X 27	0.1188	
3			Ambesari		277	222	277 X 27	0.7479	35 Sec
					279	177	238 X 27	0.6426	35 Sec
Total Forest Area Required (in ha.)								3.3561	

2. The National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has high speed bullet train project from Mumbai to Ahmedabad. In this regard, M/S NHSRCL has proposed 132 KV

Traction Substation at Ambesarai, Dahanu. Accordingly, MSETCL has to proposed, construction of 132 KV Dahanu-Ambesarai EHV Transmission Line from existing 132 KV Dahanu substation to proposed Ambesarai TSS Dahanu. The project is very important, as the progress of construction work of a high speed bullet train project from Mumbai to Ahmedabad is monitored by PMO office. The Non forest land involved in the project 27.1728 ha.

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

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is 0.4 .
- 3.3) There are 1043 trees of various species and trees (847 Mangrove + 196 other) involved in implementation of the project. Girth wise break up of trees is as under:-

Tree Girth in Cm										Total
Below 30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106 - 120	121 - 135	136-150	above 150	
907	64	42	10	8	7	0	2	2	1	1043

- 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, archeological or recreational importance.
 - 3.6) There is no violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
 - 3.7) Proposed project is at distance of 63.397 kms from Tungreshwar 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) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 6.7122 ha. degraded forest land in Compt No. 91, Survey No.260, Gut No.962, at Village Katphal, Tal.Sangola, Dist. Solapur and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
 - 3.10) The proposed alignment is best suitable from forestry point of view.
- 5. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-**
- 5.1 to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
 - 5.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
 - 5.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.
6. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dahanu has recommended the proposal for approval under Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
 7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his

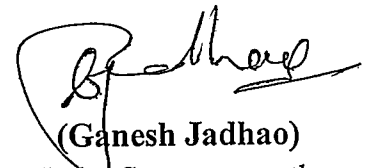
recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. His recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.

8. 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 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
9. In the circumstances explained in aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Nagpur along with the following condition.

i) User Agency shall obtain permission regarding to cutting of Mangrove trees from Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, prior to commencement of work.

ii) User Agency shall compensate the Private landholders of the proposed Land, as per prevalent Acts and Rules in this regard.

The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.



(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the
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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 IV.
7. Violation Report.

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), M.S., 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/FCA/S1/PID-143795/Thane/2023-24/2783, Dt. 27.12.2023.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
6. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dahanu.
7. Executive Engineer, MSETCL Co.Ltd, EHV Construction Division, Kalyan-421301.
8. Select File (F-10)

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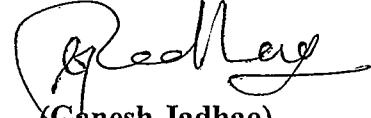
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PART - V

(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
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