

Sub.:- Forest Land- Yavatmal/ Hingoli

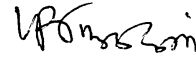
Proposal for diversion of 27.846 ha. of forest land for construction of 765 KV D/C Warora-Parli Transmission Line in Pandarkawada, Yavatmal and Pusad Forest Division in Yavatmal District and Hingoli Forest Division

PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary Incharge 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-3217/CR-202/F-10
Dated: 02/06/2017



(Virendra Tiwari)

2/6/17

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)
VIRENDRA TIWARI

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)
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Place : Mumbai

Date : 02/06/2017

Government of Maharashtra

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Dated: 02/06/2017

To,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office (WCZ), Ground Floor, Eastern Wing,
New Secretariat Building ,Opposite Old VCA Stadium,
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

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Sir,

The Senior Engineer, (TLC) Powergrid Parli Transmission Ltd. has submitted the proposal for diversion of 27.846 ha. of forest land for construction of 765 KV D/C Warora-Parli Transmission Line in Pandarkawada, Yavatmal and Pusad Forest Division in Yavatmal District and Hingoli Forest Division. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

Sr. No	Item of Work/ Purpose	Forest Division	Village	Tahsil	Survey No.	Compt. No	Area (in ha)	Legal Status	
1	765 KV D/C Transmission line	Pandharkawda	Vedshi	Relegaon	99	154	14.077	Reserve Forest	
2			Rajurwadi	Ghatanji	108	10	1.136		
3			Varshi	Ghatanji	10	-	2.205		Revenue Forest
		(Forest area involved in Pandharkawda Forest Division- Total= I)						17.418	Reserve Forest
4		Yavatmal	Daheli	Arni	133	20	3.293		
		(Forest area involved in Yavatmal Forest Division- Total= II)						3.293	
5		Pusad	Rajura	Mahagaon	22	436	1.763		
			Nandghavahan	Mahagaon	1	437	4.241		
		(Forest area involved in Pusad Forest Division- Total= III)						6.004	
6		Hingoli	Jamghavhan	Kalamnuri	20	516 B	1.131		
		(Forest area involved in Hingoli Forest Division- Total= IV)						1.131	
Grand Total = I +II+III+IV							27.846		

2. The forest land comprising of 14.077 ha in the proposal in Compartment no.154, survey no.99 in village Vedshi, Tal. Relegaon, Dist. Yavatmal belongs to FDCM Ltd. The N.O.C for the same has been given by the FDCM Ltd vide letter No.521, dt.11/5/2017.

3. The proposal has been initiated by Senior Engineer, (TLC) Powergrid Parli Transmission Ltd. for construction and laying of 765 KV D/C transmission line from Warora to Parli. NTPC Limited is establishing coal based Gadawara Super Thermal Power Station of 2 x 800 MW generation project at Gadawara, Narsinghpur District in the State of Madhya Pradesh. This transmission belt is very essential in order to facilitate import of power from Generation Hub at Gadawara STPS of NTPC to cater the requirement of State of Maharashtra. The project is administratively approved by Ministry of Power, Government of India vide letter No. 11/18/2014-PG (RECTPCL-Gadawara Part-B) dated 10/12/2014. The route for this transmission line as

proposed by Senior Engineer, (TLC) Powergrid Parli Transmission Ltd., is only feasible route and the forest land required is the barest minimum. The total route length of the transmission line is 347 Kms, out of which 4.156 Km length is passing through Reserve Forest, Revenue Forest of 3 Villages under Pandharkawda Forest Division, 1 village in Yavatmal Forest Division, 2 villages in Pusad Forest Division and 1 village in Hingoli Forest Division. The total non forest area involved in the project is 2290.312 Ha. The B:C ratio of the project is 92.46:1.

4. The forest area (i) 17.418 ha in Pandharkawda Forest Division belongs to Eco-value class-III having density of dense forest 0.6 to 0.7 (ii) 3.293 ha in Yavatmal Forest Division belongs to Eco-value class-III having density of dense forests 0.4 to 0.6 (iii) 6.004 ha in Pusad, Forest Division belongs to Eco-value class-III coming under Southern tropical Dry deciduous forests and having density of open forests below 0.4 (iv) 1.131 ha in Hingoli Forest Division belongs to Eco-value class-III and having density of open and scrub forests 0.4.

5. The Deputy Conservator of Pandharkawda, Pandharkawda Forest Division, Pandharkawda, (ii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal Division, Yavatmal, (iii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Division, Pusad and (iv) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli have certified that no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.

6. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as certified by (i) Deputy Conservator of Pandharkawda, Pandharkawda Forest Division, Pandharkawda, (ii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal Division, Yavatmal, (iii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Division, Pusad and (iv) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli.

7. There are 3407 trees of various species and girth in the area proposed for diversion in Pandharkawda Forest Division, Yavatmal Forest Division, Pusad Forest Division and Hingoli Forest Division.

8. The Project Authority has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.

9. The User Agency has agreed to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation over 55.692 ha. degraded forest land.

10. The proposed area does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, and Nature Reserve etc. as certified by the (i) Deputy Conservator of Pandharkawda, Pandharkawda Forest Division, Pandharkawda, (ii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal Forest Division, Yavatmal, (iii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Forest Division, Pusad and (iv) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli.

11. The Assistant Director, Archeological Department, Nagpur and the (ii) the Deputy Conservator of Pandharkawda, Pandharkawda Forest Division, Pandharkawda, (iii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal Division, Yavatmal, (iv) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Division, Pusad and (v) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli have certified that proposed project is not likely to affect monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.

12. The Deputy Conservator of Pandharkawda, Pandharkawda Forest Division, Pandharkawda, (ii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal Forest Division, Yavatmal, (iii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Forest Division, Pusad and (iv) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli have certified that the proposed project is beyond 10 km from the boundary of Protected Area.

13. The Deputy Conservator of Pandharkawda, Pandharkawda Forest Division, Pandharkawda, (ii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal Forest Division, Yavatmal, (iii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Forest Division, Pusad and (iv) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli have certified that 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.

14. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Forest Division, Pusad and the Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli have given suitability certificate for (53.430 ha. + 2.262 ha) = 55.692 ha degraded forest land in (i) Area 53.430 ha in Reserve Forest Comptt, no.774, Survey no.56, Survey no.57, Survey no.58, Survey no.59, Survey no.60 and Survey no.61 of village Rohana, Tal. Digras, Dist. Yavatmal and it is suitable for afforestation and free from encroachment (ii) Area 2.262 ha in Reserve Forest Comptt no. 475 A, Coup no. II, Gut no.26/2 of Bhategaon Beat under Hingoli Range and it is contiguous to forest area, suitable for afforestation and free from encroachment and encumbrances.

15. The User Agency has submitted the certificates of Collector, Yavatmal and Collector Hingoli under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 issued vide their letters No.AK/WS/425/2017, dt. 25/5/2017 and letter No. WS/land/1-CR-33, dt.21/3/2017 in prescribed format Form- I as per Government of India guidelines dated 5/7/2013.

16. The Deputy Conservator of Pandharkawda, Pandharkawda Forest Division, Pandharkawda, (ii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal Forest Division, Yavatmal, (iii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad Forest Division, Pusad (iv) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli and the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Yavatmal Circle have recommended the proposal for diversion of 27.846 ha. of forest land.

17. 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.

18. 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 on the 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,

(Signature)

(Virendra Tiwari) 2/6/17

(Signature)
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. Site Inspection Report by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal / Pusad / Hingoli and Pandharkawda
9. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
10. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

- 1) Secretary (Tribal), Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Warora-Parli Transmission line-PGCIL

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- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, with reference to his letter Desk-17/NC/I/I.D.567/17-18, dt.31/05/2017
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 4) Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Yavatmal
- 5) Collector, Yavatmal / Hingoli
- 6) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yavatmal / Pusad and Pandharkavada
- 7) Divisional Forest Officer, Hingoli Forest Division, Hingoli
- 8) Senior Engineer, (TLC) Powergrid Parli Transmission Ltd., Hinganghat, Dist Wardha
- 9) Select File F-10.