

Government of Maharashtra

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No.FLD-3620/CR-40/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032.
Dated: 21.06.2023

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

Subject: Forest Land-Chandrapur

Diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle land for opencast mining under section (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle land for opencast mining under section (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project.

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

Sr. No.	Village	Survey No.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1.	Bhatadi	251	0.20	Zudpi Jungle
Total			0.20	

3. The proposal for opencast mining for Bhatadi expansion project has been initiated by Asstt. Manager (Community Development) Chandrapur Area, WCL for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur in his compliance report has certified that the proposed zudpi jungle is in possession of Revenue Department and therefore the said land has not been notified u/s of IFA. 1927. The project is approved vide Government of India, Ministry of Coal, New Delhi Notification No. S.O. 2525 published in the Gazette of India on 13/09/2011 under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act. 1957. The project can be demarcated on Toposheet No.55P/8 & 56M/5 having Latitude of 20°02'25.63" to 20°04'17.78" and Longitude of 79°15'58.20" to 79°17'12.26". The project is having capacity of production 0.975 Million Tonnes (MT) of per annum and supply coal to the MAHAGENCO Chandrapur Power Station of MSEB.

4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur has certified that:-

- 4.1 the area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density of forests 0.1
- 4.2 the forest land required is the barest minimum
- 4.3 no tree felling involved in implementation of the Project.

4.4 the area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.

4.5 proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.

4.6 there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

4.7 the proposed area for the project is beyond 10 km from the boundary of the Protected Areas.

4.8 no Compensatory Afforestation is required as there is no felling of trees involved and the proposed forest area is below 1.00 ha.

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

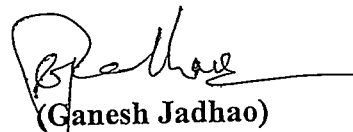
5.1 agrees to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.

5.2 agrees to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.

5.3 the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been applied and is under process and shall be submitted before approval.

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 the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject to the 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 the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.



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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. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value.
4. Brief note of the project from the project authority
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12763/1378/18-19, Dt.28.11.2019.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O.,Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur.
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur.
5. Assistant Manager (Community Development), Chandrapur Area, WCL Chandrapur.
6. Select File F-10.

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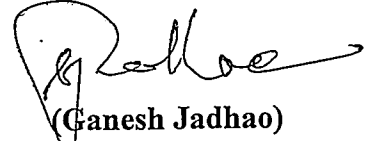
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PART - V

(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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