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No. Desk-3/Conservation/sur./ **3013** /2022-23

Gondia, Dated- **13-1-2023**

To,  
Executive Engineer,  
E.H.V. Project Division-II,  
Maharashtra state Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.,  
Plot No. 118 FLORA INN Hotel Rajiv Nagar,  
Wardha Road Nagpur - 440025

Subject:- Diversion of 18.9295 ha. of forest land in favour of MSETCL, Nagpur for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission Line from Lakhandur to Arjuni Moregaon Substation of Gondia and Bhandara District in the State of Maharashtra- Regarding.

Reference:- 1. Govt. of India letter No. FC-II/MH-81/2018-NGP/10519 dated 31.10.2022  
2. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Nodal office Maharashtra state Nagpur letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/I.D.12556/2250 dt. 05.12.2022  
3. Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Nagpur letter No. Desk-10/Land/C.R.704/2022-23/4221 dt. 07.12.2022

As per the reference cited above Government of India. Vide letter under reference No.- 1 Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for diversion of 18.9295 ha. of forest land in favour of MSETCL, Nagpur for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission line from Lakhandur to Arjuni Morgaon substation of Gondia and Bhandara District in the state of Maharashtra subject to the fulfillment of following Conditions.

You are therefore informed to submit the compliance report in five Copies to this office.

Sr. No.	Condition laid down by Central Government in final approval	Action to be taken by Agency against the conditions.
i.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
ii.	Compensatory afforestation: a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 39.00 ha. Zudpi Jungle Land in Sur. No. 364, 8/1, 2, 3, & 63 at Villages- Indora, Bhugaon and Zarap, Taluka- Lakhandur and Lakhani, District- Bhandara at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Bhandara District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. At least two water bodies in Sur. No 364, four water bodies in Sur. No. 8/1, 2, 3 and two water bodies in Sur. No. 63 shall be constructed in the	The user agency needs to deposit the difference amount of Compensatory afforestation over 39.00 ha. Zudapi Jungle land. The difference amount is 85,94,820/- as per the rates of chart of 2022-23 & difference amount of medicinal plantation over 10.56 ha. degraded forest land is Rs. 10,82,539/-. Thus agency shall deposited Rs. 96,77,359/- in Maharashtra Ad-hoc CAMPA Account only through e-challan ( <a href="https://privesh.nic.in">https://privesh.nic.in</a> ) challan by user agency.

	form of tank/ stop dams etc if the same are not available in the area or in nearby vicinity;	
iii.	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 983 trees throughout the length of transmission line, while remaining 3114 trees will be kept intact by the User Agency. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;	The user agency need to contact Range forest officer in Bhandara forest division and in consultation with range forest officer finalize the location and prepare the estimate for the construction of new water bodies and submit to this office.
iv.	The State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per Rule- 9 (6) (b) (ii) of forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 dated 28.06.2022;	Agency compliance to the condition
v.	To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) and in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 25,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of project area and remaining 50% of seedlings shall be distributed among villagers as per choice of villagers. The concerned JFMCs shall maintain record of plantation / seedling distribution to villagers;	The user agency with involvement of joint forest management committees (JFMCS) shall raise 25000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/ local prepared the scheme for 10 years and same to submit this office.
vi.	No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
vii.	The User Agency shall provide insulated transmission wires in the stretch of transmission line passing through the forest area located within a distance of 10 Km. from the National Parks/ Wildlife Sanctuaries;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
viii.	Width of Right of Way for the transmission line shall be limited to 27 meters;	Agency is required to give an undertaking



ix.	The User Agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;	Agency in consultation with the local Range Forest Officer needs to prepare a plan for installation of eco-friendly artificial bird nests.
x.	The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xi.	The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014 and the Honble Supreme Court from time to time;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xii.	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	The user agency submits the copy of Environmental clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.
xiii.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xiv.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xv.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xvi.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;	The user agency needs to demarcate diverted forest land shall be suitable demarcated on ground by fixing 4 feet high RCC Pillars with pillars numbers pillars to pillars distance and bearing written on each pillars.
xvii.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xviii.	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xix.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xx.	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure	Agency is required to give an undertaking

	compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;	
xxi.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xxii.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.II-42/2017-FC dt. 29/01/2018;	Agency is required to give an undertaking
xxiii.	Any other condition that the ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.	Agency is required to give an undertaking

  
(Kulraj Singh)

Deputy Conservator of Forest  
Gondia forest division Gondia

Copy to :- 1 Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur for information and necessary action.

Copy to :- 2 Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur for information and necessary action.

Copy to:- 3 Deputy Conservator of Forest, Bhandara forest division Bhandara, in context compliance above condition no. ii (a) for information and necessary action.