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Date: 29.08.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
HutatmaRajguru Chowk
Madame Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400032.

Subject: Diversion of 12.0225 ha forest land in favour of EHV Project Division M.S.E.T.C.L. Kalyan for construction of laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada and Kolshet-Wada Transmission Line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station passing through Thane District in the State of Maharashtra. Proposal Number FP/MH/TRANS/48241/2020- in principle approval -regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/CR-192/F-10 dated 18.10.2022, FLD-2022/CR-192/F-10 dated 19.10.2023 and the proposal FP/MH/TRANS/48241/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government and with the approval of the competent authority MoEF&CC New Delhi, I am directed to convey the Central Government's ***In-principle*** approval under **Section '2' (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **12.0225 ha** forest land in favour of EHV Project Division M.S.E.T.C.L. Kalyan for construction of laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada and Kolshet-Wada Transmission Line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station passing through Thane District in the State of Maharashtra, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions: -

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The diverted forest area shall be fenced and the demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency
3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 25.00 ha. Degraded Forest Land identified at Compartment no. 394E, 545, Survey/Gut no. 288 and 58, Village-Palsa, Shikara, Taluka-Mukhed,

Hadgaon, District-Nanded, at the cost of the User Agency. The State Government shall ensure to plan 1000 trees per ha of DFL and in case it is not possible to accommodate required number of plants, then remaining number of trees shall be raised in the nearby Degraded Forest area as per the working plan prescription;

4. The land identified and earmarked for compensatory afforestation shall be treated and afforested by the State Government as per the approved compensatory afforestation plan and the work of compensatory afforestation shall be carried out in time bound manner;
5. The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA should not be left unspent;
6. Considering the fact that, the proposed area for diversion is already diverted for rehabilitation of 5 villages from Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary (for agricultural and residential plots) and some forest area has been transferred to the Revenue Department for land distribution to landless people. The State Government informed that the area could not be available under the conductor for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal. Hence, the State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf medicinal plants over such extant of area in the nearby degraded forest area at the cost of the UA. Details of such area i.e. map, KML, Scheme etc shall be submitted to the RO Nagpur for record and monitoring purpose;
7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 12.0225 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;
8. The State Government shall realize 5 times the penal NPV over an extent of forest area reported to be under violation. The realization of Penal NPV & simple interest shall be recovered as per the provision of ministry's guidelines;
9. **The State Government has reported that, the concerned DFO has already filled case under 3A/ 3B under VSSA, 1980 in the jurisdictional court. Hence, the State Government shall ensure to submit detailed report periodically to this office and apprise the case status without fail;**
10. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
11. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) ;
12. The State Government shall obtain all applicable clearances including that of NBWL, if required;



13. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
15. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
16. The User Agency shall maintain required RoW and shall comply with all other conditions as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry time to time for the transmission line projects;
17. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
18. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 12.0255 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
19. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
20. Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (Central) of Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
21. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and rules/ guidelines / notifications made there under;
22. The State Government or Union territory Administration and the user agency shall also monitor, at least once every year, the compliance of conditions imposed during 'In-Principle' approval and upload the monitoring report in the online portal;
23. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
24. **The State Government shall issue working permission only after ensuring compliance to all such condition (s) as per the provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 and obtaining all clearance / approval from the all Acts, Rules, Regulation from the competent authorities.**

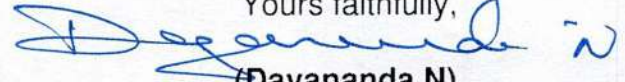
After receipt of the Compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered to accord final approval. The in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of **2 years** from the date of issue of the same. In the event of non- compliance of the above conditions within the stipulated period, this in-principle approval **shall be deemed to be null and void**;

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office,



MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,


(Dayananda.N)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

29/08/25

Copy to:

1. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please**
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. User agency.
4. Guard file.


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