Government of Maharashtra

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No.FLD-2022/C.R.338/F-10 Revenue and Forest Department, Madame Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032. Date: 30.01.2023

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

Subject: Forest Land- Satara

Diversion of 2.55 ha. Reserved Forest Land for Road &Transmission line for Solar Project at Village Chilewadi (Bhadale), Ta. Koregaon & Village Aljapur, Ta. Phaltan, Dist. Satara in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/TRANS/150452/2021)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted the proposal for diversion of 2.55 ha. Reserved Forest Land for Road &Transmission line in favour of T.S. Wind Power Developers for Solar Project at Village Chilewadi (Bhadale) Ta. Koregaon & Village Aljapur, Ta. Phaltan, Dist. Satara in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No.	he details of forest l Item of work purpose	Village Name	District	Compt No.	G.No.	L. X W. (in m.)	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1.	220 KV Transmission Line	Aljapur Ta. Phaltan	Satara	781	242	600x 35	2.10	R.F.
2.	Road & Electric Line	Bhadale Ta. Koregaon		194	336	300x 15	0.45 2.55	
	Total Forest Land (in ha.)							

3. The proposal has been initiated by the M/s. T. S. Wind Power Developers, Satara for seeking approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.55 ha. Reserved Forest land for construction of Road & Transmission line for Solar Project at Village Chilewadi (Bhadale) Ta. Koregaon & Village Aljapur, Ta. Phaltan, Dist. Satara. The total non-forest area involved in the project is 3.8675 ha.

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

4.1 No suitable alternate non-forest land is available and the forest land required is barest minimum.

- 4.2 The area belongs to, Eco class-III open forest and having density of forest is less than 0.4
- 4.3 Cutting & felling of 86 trees involved in the implementation of the Project.

Tree Girth in Cm.											
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	150	Total					
19	64	3	0	0	0	86					

- 4.4 The project is not included in the area of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary or Nature reserve.
- 4.5 The area involved in the propject is beyond 5.00 kms from the boundary of protected are i.e. 53.80 km away from Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary & 57.00 km from Mayureshwar Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 4.6 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 4.7 There is no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or rules made there under been done. No work has been carried out by the Project Authority.
- 4.8 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 3.00 ha Non-Forest land Gut No.199 & 286 at Village Pukalewadi Tal. Maan Dist. Satara is suitable for afforestation and it is free from encroachment and encumbrances. The non-forest land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation is not owned by the Tribal of not violated any Acts made under Tribal land rights and Transfers.
 - Also project Authority has given undertaking that to mutate the proposed non-forest Compensatory land made available which is already owned by us in favour of State Forest Department on 7/12 extract after the In-Principle Approval by MoEF & CC.
- 4.9 Three alternative have been examined in detailed and have come to conclusion that the alternatives No.1 is most suitable for forest land point of view. The two alternatives are being rejected on grounds of opposition of adjoining people and distribution to plantation. Map of three alternatives is enclosed in the proposal.

5. The User Agency has submitted an undertakings:-

- 5.1 To defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation
- 5.2 To defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land
- 5.3 To submit the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
- 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.
- 7. In the circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted

subject to 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 Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

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 compensatory Afforestation & Net Present Value of the Forest land
- 4. Brief note of the project from the project authority
- 5. Map of proposed land for Compensatory Afforestation
- 6. Site Inspection Report
- 7. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

- 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O. (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
- 2. Managing Director, Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra, Nagpur
- 3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/I.D.13666(31)/2419/22-23, Dt. 16.12.2022.
- 4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
- 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara.
- 6. M/s. T.S. Wind Power Developers, Satara.
- 7. Select File.

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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 No.FLD-2022/CR338/F-10

Dated: 30/01/2023

Place: Mumbai

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