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No.FLD-2022/C.R.267/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-Nagpur

Diversion of 5.5395 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for expansion of PIX transmissions factory for enhancement of production capacity in village Nagalwadi, Tal. Hingna, District Nagpur.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted the proposal for diversion of 5.5395 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for expansion of PIX transmissions factory for enhancement of production capacity in village Nagalwadi, Tal. Hingna, District Nagpur.

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

Sr.	Item of work proposed	Name of	Survey	Area in (ha.)	Legal Status
No		Village	No	0.106	
1	Security Room & Car Parking	Nagalwadi	18	0.186	Forest
	Area				(Zudpi
2	Meter Room & L.T.Room			0.007	Jungle)
3	U.G.Water Tank & Pump			0.072	
	Hose				
4	Manufacturing Building 3			0.6	
	Nos.				
5	Calendaring Building			0.072	
6	R.M.Stores			0.185	
7	BSR Building			0.1375	
8	Green Belt Around ETP/STP		0.298		
9	Work Shop			0.3	
10	Two Wheeler Parking			0.2448	
11	Godown Raw Material			0.14	
12	Roads			0.58	
13	Open Space			1.2072	
	[A] Total Area (in	4.0295			
14	Canteen Building & Workers	Nagalwadi	54	0.066	Forest
	Mess				(Zudpi
15	Covered Parking			0.0198	Jungle)
16	Garden Area			0.043	
17	Roads			0.029	

18	Open Space			0.0622	
74	[B] Total Area	0.2200			
19	Godown Finished Product	Nagalwadi	58	0.312	Forest (Zudpi Jungle)
20	Time Office			0.064	
21	Toilet Building			0.0576	
22	Roads			0.113	
23	Open Space			0.1934	
	[C] Total Area	0.7400			
25	Admin Building-1	Nagalwadi	64	0.1056	Forest
26	Admin Buidling-2			0.063	(Zudpi Jungle)
27	Garden Area			0.126	
28	Roads			0.058	
29	Open Space			0.1974	
	[D] Total Area	0.5500			
	Grand Total [A+	5.5395			

- 3. The proposal has been initiated by Authorized Signatory, Sr. Manager Signatory, PIX Transmission Ltd. Nagpur for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The User Agency has stated in the project note that in order to expand the capacity of the existing plant expansion needs to have adjoining land for additional machineries and ancillary service/ workshops shed within the same premises for optimal utilization and therefore the additional required for the purpose needs to be contagious to the existing land now in possession of PIX, Transmission Ltd.
- 4. The details of the Alternative explored by the User Agency and details of the same may kindly be perused as per the following details:-

Alternati ve explored by the User Agency	Plot number of existing factory in possession of the User Agency	Survey numbers associated for expansion	Title of the associated plot and land use and area available for expansion	Selected/ Rejected by the User Agency	Reasons for rejection/ acceptance given by the User Agency
I	25	24	Private in Industrial Zone	Rejected	Not ready to sale
		26	Private in Industrial Zone		
		27	Private in Industrial Zone		
II	45	40	Private in Industrial Zone	Rejected	Not ready to sale
III	48	50	Private property residential Zone	Rejected	Not ready to sale
		43	Private in Industrial Zone		
		44	Private in Industrial Zone		

IV	47	52	Private in Industrial	Rejected	Not ready to
14	77	32	Zone	110,0000	sale
		49	Private in Industrial		
			Zone.		
V	57 and 55	59	Private in Industrial	Rejected	Not ready to
		60	Zone		sale
		56	Residential Zone		
		52	Pvt. Property Private in Industrial		
		53			
¥7¥	47	18	Zone Forest 80% in	Selected	Prominently
VI	55	10	Industrial Zone and	Beleeted	falls in
	33		20% in residential		Industrial
			zone of Nagpur DP		Zone of
			Forest in residential		Nagpur
		54	Zone		Development
		J.	Forest in residential		Plan Zudpi
		64	Zone		Jungle
			Forest in residential		without any
		58	Zone		tree cover,
					Part of Plot
					No.18 has
					encroachment
					s since last
					several year,
L.					54,64,58 are
		· ·			isolated small
					patches less
					than 1.00 ha.
\					and not suitable for
					management point of view.
					point of view.

5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur has certified that:-

- 5.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is the barest minimum.
- 5.2 The area belongs to Eco-value class-III and having density is 0.4.
- 5.3 There is no cutting and felling of trees involved in this project.
- 5.4 The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 5.5 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 5.6 There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 5.7 The proposed area for the project is not within 10 km from the boundary of Protected area (Sanctuary and National Park).

5.8 User Agency has identified **5.85** ha non forest land in Khasra No.1649/1 and 1649/2 and 1660 (P) from village **Tivare Tal.Chipulun Dist. Ratnagiri** adjoining to Sahyandri Tiger Reserve. Since the area is having 60% tree cover therefore no plantation can be taken. the proposed area is adjacent to the Sayadari Tiger Reserve & suitable for Bio-diversity and can be transferred to the Forest Department but it is having dense forest cover therefore, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur has proposed **5.5395** ha Zudpi Jungle in possession of Forest Department in village **Pohi, Tal Dist Nagpur** for Compensatory Afforestation.

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

- 6.1 To defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation
- 6.2 To defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land
- 6.3 To submit the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
- 7. The proposal has been examined & scrutinized in detail and Site visit has been conducted. After scrutiny of the matter and site inspection by RFO/DCF and CCF level, the proposal found justified on the following grounds regarding site specificity:
 - a) The forest land proposed for project are Rocky, without water, having no Trees and not suitable for any kind of forestation.
 - b) Land is in various small patches in isolation and difficult to manage.
 - c) The forest land proposed especially Part of Gut No. 18 is already encroached by one colony of slums. The satellite imageries for the last three decades indicating progressing encroachments over the land. Considering day by day increasing encroachment, it will be very difficult to hold vacant possession of the land in future.
 - d) The forest land proposed is shown as industrial zone under Nagpur Regional Development Plan and suitable for Industries only.
 - e) While forwarding the recommendation, it was also considered that, Industry has no other alternate land in surrounding area for such expansion. Industry has tried at its level best to find other suitable land.
 - f) Recommendation was also considered keeping in mind the new employment opportunities that would be generated in light of the industry expansion. Such an industry in the area would help in the development of the surrounding local area/villages. Considering the past record of the Industry, it is understood that it is contributing in the Indian economy by selling goods in the domestic market as well as in the International market.
- 8. The Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Nagpur has recommended that the proposed land is close to Nagpur City, hence it is recommended to recover the NPV amount as per the market value. Government of Maharashtra agrees with same.

- 9. 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.
- 10. 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) along with following additional condition:-

The User Agency shall pay the NPV as well as difference amount between Market Value of the land and NPV.

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 Under Secretary

Revenue and Forests Department Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya

1. Prescribed form as per Rules. Mada

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land forest land for forest land for forest land forest land for forest land forest land for forest land forest

- 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.

Encl: A) Set of case papers

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/Nagpur/I.D.12799/1393/2022-23, Dt. 05.09.2022.
- 4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur / Kolhapur.
- 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
- 6. Sr. Manager Administration, PIX Transmissions Ltd, Nagpur.

7. Select File.

Sub: Forest Land- Nagpur

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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/CR267/ F-10

Dated: 30/01/2023

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