JUSTIFICATION NOTE

DIVERSION OF 3.27 HA. FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION & LAYING OF 400KV LILO M/C TRANSMISSION LINE ON 400KV PADGHE-TARAPUR - TR. LINE FOR 400KV KUDUS SUB STATION PASSING THROUGH THANE & PALGHAR DISTRICT

With reference to above subject, it is to state that total 3.27 Ha forest land involves for The construction & laying of 220KV M/C transmission line from villages of Palghar district.

The proposal under forest Conservation Act 1980 is being submitted for the approval of the Central Government for diversion of 3.27 Ha Forest land in villages Kunde, Usar, Uchat and Chichwali District- Thane & Palghar.

Total 27Ha forest land involves for the construction & laying of 400kv M/C LILO on 400KV Padghe-Tarapurr Tr. Line for 400Kv Kudus SS. The 400KV Kudus substation is connected with Central utility power supply with their existing 400Kv Lines. In order to meet the present and future power demand of Mumbai, Mumbai-Suburban areas, Thane Urban & Thane Rural areas under Palghar District etc.i.e strengthening of power supply in Mumbai region which is commercial capital Of India. Further, in present scenario there is heavy load sheadding due to lack of power supply ,hence for avaoiding the load sheadding of power, Maharastra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited has sanction plans to construct and operate 400kv M/C LILO on 400KV Padghe-Tarapur transmission line for 400kv Kudus SS. This transmission line belt is very essential to construct and operate 400kv MC LILO on 400KV Padghe-Tarapur transmission line for 400kv Kudus SS for zero load shedding to be implemented w.e.f. 2021 and for industrial growth of Mumbai, Thane and Palghar District for future upcoming Central & Maharashtra Government projects.

The above line will also beneficial for meeting the load demand of industrial area in Wada area which may increase the employment in tribunal area of palghar District. Looking to the existing condition of power generation units and for increment in present power requirement in Maharastra State, the related work are being taken up on priority by Maharashtra Government and same is continuously monitor by Prime Minister office(PMO). In view of this, MSETCL has decided to improve the supply of power requirement by constructing new transmission lines . The proposed scheme construction and lying of 400KV Transmission is also one of them.

While doing the survey work of lying and construction of 400kv M/C LILO on 400KV Padghe-Tarapur transmission line for 400kv Kudus SS, the line alignment survey was carried out avoiding new housing layout, schemes are rapidly growing at Thane & Palghar district villages. Ponds, dense forest as well as existing electric lines, etc. MSETCL have carried out detailed route survey of the alignment of the proposed line to avoid reserve forest which is fairly dense forest for route of the alignment, every care was taken to avoid populated villages, habitations; place of archeological and religious importance, damns, etc.

Three alternative alignments were proposed and finally alignment-I selected which is involved minimum forest area. Hence the proposed forest area is unavoidable. As such while

doing so, it was observed that the proposed line, alignment is crossing almost through non forest area, i.e. are under cultivation and also avoiding big trees having religious importance. The alignment of the proposed line involves few patches of forest area. The route of this transmission, line as proposed by MSETCL is only possible and to achieve this proposed line of total length is 3.5Kms, out of this total length 0.65kms length is passing through unavoidable reserve forest. Protected forest and zudapi, jungle land of Palghar district. MSETCL explored the entire available alternative route so as to ensure that minimum forest land should be affected. The final route so selected involves the forest land which is barest minimum.

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