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Justification for Diversion of Forest Land

The Chandrapur Forest Training Institute was established by Government of Maharashtra in the year 1961 as a Foresters Training School, to impart training to newly recruited Foresters. The School remained functional till 1975. The campus of the Institute is spread over an area of 28.00 Ha. The Government of India, in 1976, felt the need to establish a Training College at Chandrapur to impart training to newly recruited Range Forest Officers from various States. Accordingly, Government of India took over the School from Government of Maharashtra and established the "Central Forest Rangers College (CFRC)" in Feb. 1976. The College remained functional till 1990. In the year 1991 Govt. of India, handed over to the Government of Maharashtra. Since then the College has been functioning under the control of the State Forest Department Govt. of Maharashtra. The Institute has imparted training to 1551 Clerks /Accountants, 415 Foresters and 2812 Forest Guards.

In the year 2013 the CFRC was renamed as the Chandrapur Forest Training Institute. Now the status of this training institute has been upgraded as an Academy and made it the Apex Training Centre for Wildlife Management and Production Forestry in the State. A Government Resolution regarding the same has been issued vide Revenue and Forest Department No. FDM 2014/ CR 62/F - 2 dated 4 - 12 - 2014.

The AIMS and OBJECTIVES of the Academy are as follows:

- (i) To provide opportunities to develop upgrade and disseminate knowledge, experience and expertise and to develop a "Knowledge Bank" to cater to Stakeholders in the Natural Resource Management Sector.
- (ii) To assist, collaborate and organize training Programmes and research in various Natural Resource Management related subjects, including the fields of development and administration dependent on natural resources besides human resource development. This would also include induction level & refresher courses for the executive and field level officers and staff of the Forest department.
- (iii) To motivate and equip technically, Forest Guards & other executive and frontline staff with the latest policy guidelines, Programmes, and laws related to Forest Conservation, regeneration of forests, wildlife management, and participatory management.
- (iv) To develop adequate infrastructure to impart and assist more effective trainings, consultancies, research and development Programmes, extension activity, monitoring and evaluation of various Programmes of the forestry sector, for staff and officers of all departments of the State Government.
- (v) To develop and promote special areas of interest in Joint / Community Forest Management, Rural Development, Community participation with special reference to tribals and other forest dependent communities.
- (vi) To develop and promote information Technology, especially in the areas of Geomatics, Remote Sensing, use of GPS, Management Information Systems based on latest technologies;
- (vii) To conduct outreach Programmes for the people and people's representatives to promote awareness about conservation of forests;

- (viii) To develop managerial skills, organizational capability, Leadership and decision making ability for development, planning and efficiency in implementation of policies, Programmes and projects of the forest department;
- (ix) To develop the Academy as a Centre of Excellence in Wildlife Management and Production Forestry.
- (x) To facilitate Environment Impact Assessment Studies.
- (xi) To collaborate with UGC approved Universities through necessary Memorandums of Understanding for conducting courses and carrying out projects & research on Environment, Forest & Wildlife related issues.
- (xii) To act, as the Apex Centre for Wildlife Management and Production Forestry Training in the State.

Forest land admeasuring 28.00 ha. is in possession of the Academy since 1960. The same area is diverted for the Infrastructure Development of the Academy vide Central Govt. letter No.FC-2/MH-62/2017-NGP/2516 Dt.19/09/2017.

Construction of infrastructure in Academy is in progress. As per the site inspection of MSEDCL officers, they are reported that, existing power supply to the Academy is not sufficient to the new construction. Existing sub-station is situated at Bangali camp which is far away and incapable to Academy for continuous power supply, as well as it is constructed for local power supply in around the premise.

Academy required 2.16 MV high power supply, while inspecting site MSEDCL officers suggest to construct new 33/11 Sub-Station for regular and continuous power supply. To establish new 33/11 KV Sub-Station near Academy, it's required 0.80 Ha. (2.00 Acres) as per MSEDCL norms. Hence 0.80 Ha. (2.00 Acres) forest land required for the project.

Proposal for diversion of 0.85 ha. forest land bearing Compartment No. 403 of Chandrapur Forest Division is hereby submitted under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

The details of the forest land is as under -

Sr	Item of Work	Area (ha.)	Justification
1	Construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Station.	0.85	Existing Sub-Station is far away from Academy and it is incapable to supply 2.16 MV power to Academy. The existing power supply is low and insufficient. To increase more power supply to new infrastructures of Academy.
	Total -	0.85	

Employment Generated

As per the approx. estimated cost 191000 man days will be generated through the construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Station.

Place :- Chandrapur
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