

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi – 110003
Dated: As per E-sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Diversion of 10.3391 ha Forest land in favour of MSETCL Thane, for construction of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Tarapur-Borivali and Boisar-Ghodbunder Transmission Line for 400 KM Kudus substation passing through Thane District in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/TRANS/48321/2020)- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-1223/CR-63/F-10 dated 30.09.2024 on the above subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 08.07.2024 and to say that after careful examination of the said report, following shortcomings have been observed: -

- i. In compliance of condition no. (iii) of Stage-I approval, the State Govt. has not submitted the details of action initiated under section 3A and 3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as applicable for violation of the provisions of the said Adhiniyam against such person or authority or organization, prima-facie found responsible for the violation.
- ii. In compliance of condition no. (iv) of Stage-I approval, the State Govt. has not submitted the approved copy of Plan for Conservation of Wildlife from the CWLW, Govt. of Maharashtra along with the details of fund deposited.
- iii. In compliance of condition no. (x) (d) of Stage-I approval, the State Govt. has submitted that Plantation of Dwarf Species (medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission lines is not possible due to the presence of Rocky strata and the presence of Forest Rights Certificate holders. In this regard, the user agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall identify and provide the details of degraded forest land equal in extent to the area diverted and prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
- iv. In compliance of condition no. (xii) of Stage-I approval, the State Government has not uploaded the KML files of the area under diversion and the accepted area for raising compensatory afforestation in the E- green watch portal of FSI.

- v. In compliance of condition no. (xiv) and (xxviii) of Stage-I approval, the State Government has not submitted their comments as the said conditions are related to State Forest Department.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 22-11-2024 16:10:05

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.