

File No. 8-06/2025-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi- 110003
Dated: 17-03-2026

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (i) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of JSW Energy PSP Two Limited for non-forestry use of 243.74 ha. (Shahapur Division 181.45 ha and West Nasik Division 62.29 Ha) of forest land (reserved forest, protected forest and private forest) for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) in Thane & Nasik District in the State of Maharashtra (Online proposal No. FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022)– reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-1225/CR-101/F-10 dated 05.08.2025 and further information submitted vide letter dated 19.01.2026 on the subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 27.02.2026. The detailed minutes of the said meeting is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. After examination of the proposal, the Committee deferred the proposal for want of the following information:

- i. As per the component-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion, 40.91 ha of forest land has been proposed for muck dumping and job facilities. The State Government shall explore the possibility of shifting of such non-site specific activities on Non-forest lands.
 - ii. As per the component-wise break-up, 0.77 ha of forest land has been proposed for the approach road to the upper dam and 39.162 ha for the approach road to the lower dam. The State Government shall re-examine the requirement of forest land for these roads, reassess and optimize the requirement of forest land for construction of the roads with regard to the gradient and width of road, and further explore the possibility of realigning the road to non-forest land.
2. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Raja Ram Singh)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Nagpur.
3. The APCCF–cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
4. The User Agency.
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