

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

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for Ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 6.0760 ha of reserved forest land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220 KV Warud substation transmission line in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati in Taluka - Katol, District-Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/TRANS/38296/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2022/CR-309/F-10 dated 03.06.2025 on the above mentioned subject, forwarding the information in compliance of conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval letter of even no. dated 20.03.2025 and to say that examination of same revealed following shortcomings:

- i. In compliance of condition No. (ii), the State Government has submitted the violation report and action taken report of DFO, Nagpur wherein it has been reported that POR has been filed against Project Authority under IFA, 1927. However as per said condition it was mentioned that the Regional Office, Nagpur shall initiate action under section 3A/3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 (as applicable). However, the State Government has not submitted Action Taken Report in view of action initiated by the Regional Office, Nagpur under section 3A/3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 (as applicable) which needs submission.
- ii. It is pertinent to mention here that the State is repeatedly referring to the action under IFA,1927 whereas, as per the stipulated condition the action under section 3A/3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,

1980 needs to be initiated. The State shall therefore provide the requisite details of the responsible officials/inquiry report to the Regional office so that the Regional Office can initiate the action under section 3A/3B of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by
SUNEET BHARDWAJ
Date: 10-06-2025
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Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur **with a request to initiate the action under section 3A/3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 (as applicable);**
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.