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

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Dated: 02-09-2025

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Regional Office, Nagpur.

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 nonforestry use of 243.74 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) – regarding.

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 on the proposal mentioned in above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

In this regard, the Regional Office, Nagpur is requested to carryout the inspection of the forest land proposed for diversion, sites identified for CA and submit a detailed SIR to the Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
- 2. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
- 3. APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 4. User Agency.

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5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.