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No. FLD-2021/C.R.200/F-10  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.  
Date:-27/04/2023

To,  
Regional Officer (Central),  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Government of India,  
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New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,  
Nagpur-440 001.

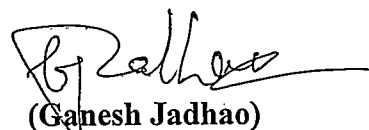
**Sub.:- Forest Land- Chandrapur.**

Diversion of 44.0397 ha. Forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of 132 KV Mul-SICOM Chandrapur Transmission line.

**Ref:** 1. Your Office Letter No. FC-III/MH-47/2022-NGP/9660, Dtd. 02.05.2022.  
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Chandrapur/ID-12899/268/23-24, Dt.24.04.2023.

Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Government of India, Nagpur has accorded In-Principle approval for diversion of 44.0397 ha of Forest Land in favour of EHV Pro Division, Chandrapur for laying of 132 KV DC Mul-Sicom Chandrapur Electric Transmission Line in Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra, vide letter under reference No.1.

2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted compliance report to the Government of Maharashtra vide letter under reference no.2, Compliance Report submitted by the APCCF & Nodal Officer is self-explanatory and attached herewith for further necessary action in the matter.



(Ganesh Jadhao)  
Under Secretary to  
the Government of Maharashtra

**Encl:** As above.

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.

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No. Desk-17/Nodal/Chandrapur/I.D.12899/268 /23-  
Nagpur - 440 001 Dated 24/04/2023.

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue and Forests Department,  
Mantralaya Mumbai-32.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 44.0397 ha. Forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of 132KV Mul-SICOM Chandrapur Transmission line.

Ref: 1. Govt. of India's letter no. FC-III/MH-47/2022-NGP/9660, dtd.02.05.2022.  
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur letter no.Desk-3(1)/Land/C.R.455/23-24/80, dtd.20.04.2023.

The Govt. of India vide letter under reference 1 has accorded Stage-1 approval for diversion 4.0397 ha forest land on the subject mentioned above with condition to submit compliance of 1 to conditions. Accordingly the User Agency has submitted their compliance to Divisional Forest Officer Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur. The same is submitted by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur to this office vide letter under reference 2 this office. The details of conditions and remarks of the User Agency are as follows:-

Condition	Compliance
Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentioning that the user agency agrees and an undertaking in this effect has been submitted by the User Agency. The same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-A</b> .
Compensatory afforestation (a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 88.50 ha. degraded forest land in Compartment No. 43, Survey No. 129, Gat No. 101 at Village-Londhe Mohitewadi, Taluka- Malshiras, District-Solapur (Area 31.1165 ha.) & in Compartment No. 91, Survey No. 260, Gat No. 962 at Village-Katphal, Taluka-Sangola, District-Solapur (Area 57.3835 ha.) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Solapur Division shall be planted and monoculture of any species	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentioning that as per given instructions Compensatory Afforestation proposed in Solapur Forest Division Compartment No. 43, Survey No. 129, Gat No. 101 at Village-Londhe Mohitewadi, Taluka Malshiras, District-Solapur (Area 31.1165 ha.) in Compartment No. 91, Survey No. 260, Gat No. 962 at Village-Katphal, Taluka-Sangola, District Solapur (Area 57.3835 ha.) is being taken up. The amount of expenditure for Compensatory

may be avoided. At least three water bodies in Comptt. No. 43 and four water bodies in Comptt. No. 91 shall be constructed in the form of tank / stop dams etc if the same are not available in the area or in nearby vicinity;	Afforestation is Rs. 7,12,32,234/- and the cost of constructing 7 forest tanks in the said forest area is Rs. 44,63,787/- the user agency has payment made in CAMPA. The details of payments attached herewith <b>Annexure-B, B1 &amp; B2.</b>
The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars on the CA land and fencing from boundary of forest land to protect narrow left over patch shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years. The fencing of the CA land to be started from the one side of compartment to avoid encroachment in future;	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentioned that as per given instructions Compensatory Afforestation proposed in Solapur Forest Division Compartment No. 43, Survey No. 129, Gat 101 at Village-Londhe Mohitewadi, Tal. Malshiras, District-Solapur (Area 31.1165 ha. in Compartment No. 91, Survey No. 260, Gat 962 at Village-Katphal, Taluka-Sangola, District Solapur (Area 57.3835 ha.) is being taken up. amount of expenditure for Survey & Demarcation is Rs. 7,37,000/- and Compensatory Afforestation is Rs. 7,12,32,234/- and the cost of constructing forest tanks in the said forest area is Rs. 44,63,787/- the user agency has payment made in CAMPA account. The details of payments attached herewith <b>Annexure-B, B1 &amp; B2.</b>
<b>NPV</b> i) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 44.0397 ha. Forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 11/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 02/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC(Pt.II) dated 8/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 5/02/2009 in this regard;	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentioned that as per given instructions the user agency has deposited NPV Rs. 5,39,30,519/- in CAMPA account. The details of payments attached herewith <b>Annexure-B, B1 &amp; B2.</b>
ii) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect; the user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentioned that the user agency agrees and an undertaking to this effect has been submitted by the User Agency the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-C.</b> As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentioned that The cost of felling of trees Rs. 41,59,092/- has been deposited in the name of Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur.

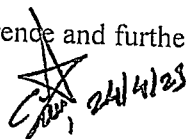
<p>All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal <a href="http://parivesh.nic.in/">http://parivesh.nic.in/</a>;</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur For Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Ch Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the User agency has paid the entire amount CAMPA account through e-portal. Also, assurance has been submitted that the amount will be paid through e-portal in future. The undertaking has been submitted by the User Agency same attached herewith <b>Annexure-E</b>.</p>
<p>The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur For Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Ch Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that The District Collector, Chandrapur issued FRA certificate and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-F</b>.</p>
<p>To improve the Forest / Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental Protection Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC's) and in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 1,00,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous / local for 10 years. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of project area and remaining 50% of seedlings shall be distributed among villagers as per choice of villagers. The concerned JFMC's shall maintain record of plantation / seedling distribution to villagers;</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur For Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Ch Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that as per given instructions the user agency has deposited Nursery cost of Rs. 12575105/- CAMPA for 50,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, Medicinal ornamental and indigenous / local for 10 years. The details of payments attached herewith <b>Annexure-B &amp; B1</b>.</p>
<p>The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur For Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Ch Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees. An undertaking has been submitted by the User Agency same attached herewith <b>Annexure-G</b>.</p>
<p>The State Government shall prepare an Avifauna Conservation Plan for ten years specifically for the GIB and Sarus Crane at the cost of User Agency and a copy of same shall be submitted to the IRO, Nagpur along with Stage-I compliance report;</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur For Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Ch Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees. An undertaking has been submitted by the User Agency same attached herewith <b>Annexure-H</b> and Avifauna Conservation Plan and specifically for the GIB and Sarus Crane plan for 10 years prepared by DF Chandrapur and submitted herewith for approval.</p>

<p>The user agency shall obtain prior approval of NBWL before commencement of any work even in non-forest land;</p>	<p><b>Annexure-H1.</b></p> <p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the proposal for the approval NBWL submitted to PCCF (Wildlife) office, Nagpur dt. 10/04/2023 by APCCF (Wildlife) office, Nagpur and is under scrutiny at PCCF (Wildlife) office, Nagpur. The same is attached here <b>Annexure-I.</b></p>
<p>The minimum clearance at any point of entire transmission line including sag and swing shall be 8 meters and in case of transmission lines passing through identified elephant corridors, additional clearances of at least 6 m shall be provided over and above minimum clearance (as stipulated under Electricity Authority (measures relating to safety &amp; electricity supply) Regulations, 2010) in identified corridors of Elephant in area. A report in this regard shall be submitted to the IRO, Nagpur along with Stage-I compliance report;</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees. An undertaking has been submitted by the User Agency same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-J.</b></p>
<p>The user agency shall ensure compliance of following recommendation as suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife):</p> <p>a) Any felling / pollarding of trees will be done as permitted for electrical clearance.</p> <p>b) Vegetation clearance along forest stretches will be avoided or minimized by increasing height of towers structure to maintain safe vertical clearance.</p> <p>c) Adhere to guidelines issued by National Green Tribunal, if applicable</p> <p>d) No construction activity from 6.00 pm to 7.00 m.</p> <p>e) The labour camps at least 1.00 Km away from the forest.</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees. An undertaking has been submitted by the User Agency same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-K.</b></p>
<p>The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department;</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that as per instructions the cost of medicinal plantation Rs. 39,35,883/- has been deposited CAMPA by user agency. (<b>Annexure- B &amp; B1</b>)</p>
<p>The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest area issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC, dated 05/05/2014 &amp; 19/11/2014.</p>	<p>As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the undertaking that user agency will comply with guidelines for laying transmission line through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter</p>

earance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the same is <b>Not applicable</b> . An undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Agency and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-M</b> .
the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Agency and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-N</b> .
no labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Agency and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-O</b> .
sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Agency and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-P</b> .
the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;	As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that a payment of Rs.7,37,000/- has been made CAMPA from the user agency for demarcation of the diverted area. ( <b>Annexure- B &amp; B1</b> )
no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Agency and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-Q</b> .
the period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;	As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Agency and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-R</b> .
the forest land not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	As per compliance report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Chi Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mention that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Agency and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-S</b> .

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The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur 1 Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur men that the user agency agrees and an undertaki this effect has been submitted by the User Ag and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-</b>
Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt. 29/01/2018;	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur F Division Chandrapur and forwarded by ( Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur men that the user agency agrees and an undertakin this effect has been submitted by the User Ag and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-I</b>
Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Fo Division Chandrapur and forwarded by C Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur menti that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Age and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-V</b>
The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal ( <a href="http://parivesh.nic.in/">http://parivesh.nic.in/</a> )	As per compliance report submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Fo Division Chandrapur and forwarded by Ci Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur menti that the user agency agrees and an undertaking this effect has been submitted by the User Age; and the same is attached herewith <b>Annexure-W</b>

It is submitted that this office agrees to above mentioned Stage 1 compliance submitted by User agency through Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur and submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur vide letter under reference 2 to this office. Two copies of Stage-1 compliance report are enclosed herewith for ready reference and further necessary action.

  
24/4/23

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests And Nodal Officer  
Maharashtra State, Nagpur

Copy forwarded to Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur for information.  
Copy forwarded to Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur for information.  
Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, Bangali Camp, Mul Road, Chandrapur for information.