

**F. No. FP/JH/TRANS/32955/2018**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated:01-06-2026**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Jharkhand,  
Ranchi.

**Sub: Proposal for seeking Ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Diversion of 126.974 (revised) (earlier proposed area:163.5868 ha) forest land in favour of M/s Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited (JUSNL) for construction of 400 KV D/C Patratu-Latehar Transmission line under Latehar, Ramgarh and Ranchi Forest Divisions in Latehar, Ramgarh and Ranchi districts of Jharkhand State (FP/JH/TRANS/32955/2018)- regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Jharkhand online proposal No. FP/JH/TRANS/32955/2018 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee (AC) constituted by the Central Government under Section- 3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the Government of Jharkhand and on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (AC), the Central Government hereby agrees to accord **Stage-I / In-principle** approval under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 126.974 (revised) (earlier proposed area:163.5868 ha) forest land in favour of M/s Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited (JUSNL) for construction of 400 KV D/C Patratu-Latehar Transmission line under Latehar, Ramgarh and Ranchi Forest Divisions in Latehar, Ramgarh and Ranchi districts of Jharkhand State subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 275.93 ha degraded forest land in Latehar Forest Division (122.18 ha), Rangarh Forest Division (29.41 ha) and Ranchi Forest Division (124.34 ha) identified by the State Government at the cost of the Project within two years from the date of grant of Stage II approval;
- iii. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of

- CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal;
- iv. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC (pt.) dated 29.12.2023 in this regard;
  - v. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
  - vi. The Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of National Authority, CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
  - vii. The complete compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
  - viii. The KML files of proposed area for diversion and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details;
  - ix. ***Action under section 3A/3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 against the erring officials shall be initiated by State Government for carrying out violation in Protected Forest and a status report on the same shall be submitted along with the compliance of the in-principle approval.***
  - x. ***In accordance with the provisions of para 1.16 of the Consolidated Guidelines, the State Government shall realize the penal NPV for the forest area used in violation of the Adhiniyam by the user agency which shall be five times the NPV of forest land used in violation, plus 12 percent simple interest from the date of raising of such demand and till the deposit is made by the user agency into the account of CAMPA.***
  - xi. ***The Ministry has issued guidelines dated 21.01.2026 prescribing penal compensatory afforestation in cases where forest land has been used in violation of the provisions of the Adhiniyam. Accordingly, the State Government shall ensure compliance with the said guidelines and identify land towards penal compensatory afforestation, as applicable, in lieu of forest land used in the violation of the Adhiniyam along with supporting documents such as the KML file, Compensatory Afforestation scheme, suitability certificate, etc. The compensatory***

***levies corresponding to the penal CA shall be deposited in the account of the State CAMPA, and the same shall be duly intimated to the Ministry.***

- xii. ***Penal compensatory afforestation, as applicable, proposed by the State Government shall be verified by Regional Office, Ranchi and report shall be sent to the Ministry for examination along with CA details during submission of compliance report of Stage- I approval.***
- xiii. ***A Wildlife Management Plan to mitigate Human Animal conflict with provisions for logistics, equipment and staff shall be prepared by Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and shall be approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Jharkhand. The plan shall also include recommendations at the village level. It shall also include a component of long term research and monitoring to be done by WII for impact analysis of the project and the implementation of the Management plan. A copy of the said plan may be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance report of in-principle approval.***
- xiv. ***The User Agency shall provide chain-link fencing around the tower bases located in forest areas to prevent electrocution of elephants and other wild animals;***
- xv. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xvi. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- xvii. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- xviii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;
- xix. Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 46 m;
- xx. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
- xxi. No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such

facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path.

- xxii. To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the following guidelines:
- a. Below each conductor, width clearance shall be permitted as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
  - b. One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line;
  - c. In the remaining width the right of way felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance, trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum clearance between conductors and trees as permissible as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above;
  - d. 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; and
  - e. In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
- xxiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xxiv. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xxv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xxvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxvii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxviii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

- xxix. No damage to the flora, fauna or the environment of the adjoining area shall be caused; Adequate measures to ensure no damage to the adjoining areas should be taken by the User Agency at the project cost;
- xxx. The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- xxxi. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xxxii. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xxxiii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xxxiv. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency;
- xxxv. The User Agency and the State Government shall comply all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and
- xxxvi. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Yours  
faithfully,  
Sd/-

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to: -**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
5. The User Agency.