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Date: 17.01.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai– 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 12.7435 ha. Forest land in favour of MSETCL Thane, for construction of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada Transmission Line at LOC No. 97 for 220 KV Abhitghar substation passing through Palghar District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-12A23/CR-251/F-10 dated 01.09.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-125061/Thane/23-24/975 dated 28.06.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and with the approval of the REC, '**in-principle**' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 11.06.2024. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-125061/Thane/2219/2024-25 dated 06.01.2025, submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's '**final approval**' under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **12.7435 ha.** Forest land in favour of MSETCL Thane, for construction of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada Transmission Line at LOC No. 97 for 220 KV Abhitghar substation passing through Palghar District in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- The boundary of the. diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency**;
- Compensatory afforestation** shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 26.00 ha. Degraded forest Land i.e. 13 ha in compartment No. 5748/1 of Mukhed RF and 13 ha in Compt No 18 of Mahor RF from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- Compensatory afforestation shall be carried out as per the provision of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule, 2023** and the State Shall carry out CA in time bound manner and proper fencing and watch and ward will be

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- ensured;
- v. 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.;
 - vi. **Tree felling shall be restricted to wherever necessary. After stringing work is completed, natural regeneration shall be allowed to come up. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;**
 - vii. **The User Agency/State Government shall implement comprehensive site-specific mitigation plan to avoid electrocution and collision impact on birds at the cost of the User Agency;**
 - viii. Proper soil conservation plan needs to be implemented at the cost of the User Agency to arrest soil erosion;
 - ix. Wherever possible, Dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) shall be raised under the transmission line by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
 - x. **The State Government shall issue working permission only after ensuring compliance to all such condition(s) to issue such working permission;**
 - xi. The User Agency shall ensure to maintain required RoW in the entire alignment as per the standard RoW required for 220 KV transmission line;
 - xii. UA shall provide Bird reflectors to be installed at technically suitable distance at the cost of User Agency;
 - xiii. The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals/permission under relevant rules/regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work;
 - xiv. Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;
 - xv. **Before issuing the diversion order, the State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and ensure the required certificate from the competent authority in the prescribed format;**
 - xvi. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
 - xvii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
 - xviii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
 - xix. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
 - xx. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **12.7435 ha.** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
 - xxi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the



- all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;
- xxii. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xxiii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.**


This order issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,


(Dayananda. N)
Technical Officer (Gr-II) 17/01/25

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Guard file.


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