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**F.No. FC-I/MH-313/2023-NGP/12656**  
**19.12.2023**

**Date:**

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 2.55 ha Reserved Forest land in favour of M/s. T.S. Wind Power Developers, Satara for construction of Road and Transmission line for Solar Project at Village- Chilewadi (Bhadale), Taluka- Koregaon and Village- Alijapur, Taluka- Phaltan, District- Satara in the state of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2022/C.R.338/F-10 dated 30.01.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-13666(31)/2419/22-23 dated 16.12.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the *Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam*, 1980. The project was accorded with the In-Principle approval by the Central Government vide letter dated 24.04.2023. The State Government vide its letter No.FLD-2022/C.R.338/F-10 dated 05.10.2023 and the Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-150452/Kolhapur/1944 dated 27.09.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, 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 **2.55 ha** Reserved Forest land in favour of M/s. T.S. Wind Power Development, Satara for construction of Road and Transmission line for Solar Project at Village- Chilewadi (Bhadale), Taluka- Koregaon and Village- Alijapur, Taluka- Phaltan, District- Satara 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 at the project cost, as per the directions of



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- the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.00 ha. non-forest land in Gut no. 199 & 286 at Village- Pukalewadi, Taluka- Maan, District- Satara from **the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency**. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Satara District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Atleast one water body shall be constructed in the form of tank/ stop dams etc if the same are not available in the area or in nearby vicinity. Further, if existing tanks/ stop dams are available and needs desilting / repair; same shall be carried out to meet the water requirement of wild animals throughout the year;
  - iv. The non-forest land transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department shall be notified as RF/PF. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government to the Regional Office for record;
  - 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. 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 felling of trees shall be done from the amount already been deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
  - vii. The State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per Rule- 9 (6) (b) (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 dated 28.06.2022;
  - viii. 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 3,000 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;



- ix. State Forest Department shall undertake avenue plantation of 8 feet tall plants as per IRC norms **from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;**
- x. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- xi. The trees having bird nests shall not be felled without written permission from the DCF concern both in forest as well as non-forest land;
- xii. Bird diverters shall be installed at suitable interval throughout the entire transmission line in consultation with the State Government and also as per the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time;
- xiii. The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission **from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;**
- xiv. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry and by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time;
- xv. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xvii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xviii. 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;
- xix. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xx. 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;
- xxi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xxii. 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;
- xxiii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to **violation of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam** and action will be taken as per the provision of Adhiniyam and rules / guidelines issued there under
- xxiv. 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;



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**This is issued with the approval of DDGF (Central),  
Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.**

Yours faithfully,

  
**(C.B. Tashildar)**  
AIGF (Central)

**Copy to:**

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

  
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