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

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**02 May, 2022**

To,  
**The Principal Secretary,**  
Forest Department, Wan Bhavan,  
Ramgiri Road, Civil Lines,  
Nagpur 440001.

**Sub:** Proposal for construction of 220 KV DC Karad-Koyana (KDPH) transmission line in same right of way of existing 220 KV LILO on 220 KV Karad-Pophali DC transmission line KDPH, A/P-Hambarali & Koynanagar, Gokul, Tal.Patan, Dist. Satara-FP/MH/TRANS/4512/2019-reg.

Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The above proposal was discussed in the 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 through Video Conference under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

2. After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to following conditions:

1. Necessary mitigation measures for avoiding bird as well as bat hits would be put in place.
2. Old transmission towers should be removed after work completion in the present proposal.
3. The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the condition that the project proponent shall deposit 2% of the cost of proposed project (Rs. 41.94 Lakhs) with the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Kolhapur for the habitat improvement of the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Kolhapur and adjoining forests.
4. Insulated cables, if possible, should be used along the entire stretch of the proposed transmission line so as to avoid electrocution to avifauna and other arboreal species as well as to avoid poaching using electricity.
5. The entire length of the proposed power-line should be marked with appropriate bird diverters spaced at 10m intervals. The bird diverters shall be regularly checked and maintained by the power company.
6. The alignment of the power-line should be made such that minimum numbers of trees are felled. Any felling/pollarding/pruning of trees for allowing electrical clearance/maintenance will be done with the permission of the local DFO, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve. Only those trees that are of sufficient height to compromise the requirements of minimal vertical and horizontal clearance from the conductor wires at maximum sag point should be lopped.

7. Periodic clearing of vegetation along the power-line may bring up invasive species. The plantation of native, palatable species should be carried out by the user agency in collaboration with Maharashtra Forest Department below the power-line.
  8. No construction / maintenance work shall be permitted within forest and wildlife areas in between 6 PM to 7 AM. Labor camps should be at least 1 km away from the boundaries of the Tiger Reserve.
  9. No construction material (including soil, stones etc.) should be collected from the forest.
  10. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.
3. Minutes of the meeting have been posted online in the PARIVESH portal of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



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