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Date: 12.01.2023

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 23.10 ha of reserved forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd, Dharangaon Division, Jalgaon for erection of 33 KV Karanje Transmission Line for 33/11 KV Karanje Substation from Malapur to Karanje village, Tal. Chopda, Dist Jalgaon in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Dhule/ID-12658/2415/2022-23 dated 16.12.2022 forwarding additional information as sought by this office vide letter of even number dated 08.08.2022 and to say that examination of additional information in IRO, Nagpur revealed following:

- Correct KML file of area proposed for diversion highlighting Forest patches in compliance to point no. i is not submitted along with query reply. The same needs to be submitted.
- Inconsistency in the statement made by the User Agency is observed w.r.t. alternative alignments examined. In statement it is mentioned that in alignment no. 3 less trees will be cut compared to alignment no. 1 & 2, whoever, number of trees appears to be less in alignment no. 1 & 2 compared to alignment no. 3. Further, inconsistency is observed in the statement made in alignment no. 1 & 2 regarding tree felling is observed. Correct information needs to be submitted.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of DDGF (C)/ Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

- The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- User agency.
- Guard file.

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