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No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-12795(71)/2021-2022

Nagpur - 440 001, Date:- 11/01/2022

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
Thane

Sub:- Diversion of 18.3915 ha. of Forest land in favour of Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Ltd. for Construction and laying of 220 KV double circuit transmission line making LILO on 220 KV Uran Apta line No.4 at tower location no.3 to substation at ESZ area in Taluka Uran & Panvel, Dist.Raigad in the State of Maharashtra-reg.

Ref:- 1) Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office letter No. F.No.FC-II/MH-154/2021-NGP/8610, dated 14/09/2021. 1117
2) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane letter No.Desk-10/CR-03/20-21/OW-321, dated 25/10/2021. 1129
3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Maharashtra State office note No.D-23 (2)/Survey/C.N.105/2547, dated 05/01/2022 1117

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted the query compliance report of shortcoming desired by the Government of India vide letter under reference No.1 regarding proposal for diversion of 18.3915 ha. of Forest land in favour of Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Ltd. for Construction and laying of 220 KV double circuit transmission line making LILO on 220 KV Uran Apta line No.4 at tower location no.3 to substation at ESZ area in Taluka Uran & Panvel, Dist.Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.

2.00 In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Maharashtra State vide office note under reference no.3 has informed that since proposed forest area of the proposed Transmission Line passing through Karnala Bird Sanctuary therefore, the project proponent should prepare a Bird Conservation Plan suggesting mitigation measures in consultation with the institutes like BNHS & WII Dehradun and get it approved by CWLW.

3.0 It is requested to communicate the User Agency for further needful action.

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag Forest Division for information & necessary action.

Copy to the Mr. Sarvothama Shetty, V.P.Operation FTWZ, Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Limited, 302, 3rd floor, F-block Ceejay House, Dr. Annie Besant Road, near Shiv Sagar Estate, Worli, Mumbai-400018 for information & necessary action

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जा.क्र.कक्ष-10/वसं/प्र.क्र.3/20-21/जा.462/2021-22

ठाणे - 400 603, दिनांक - 12/01/2022.

प्रतिलिपी- उप वनसंरक्षक, अलिबाग यांना माहिती व तात्काळ कार्यवाहीसाठी अग्रेषित.

2.00 त्यांनी सोबतच्या पत्रात नमुद केल्याप्रमाणे त्रुटींचा पूर्तता अहवाल प्रकल्प यंत्रणेकडून प्राप्त करून या कार्यालयास सादर करावा.

प्रतिलिपी- Mr. Sarvothama Shetty, V.P.- Operation FTWZ, Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Limited, 302, 3rd floor, F-block Ceejay House, dr. annie besant Road, near shiv sagar estate, worli, Mumbai 400 018 यांचेकडे माहिती व तात्काळ कार्यवाहीस्तव अग्रेषित.

अ.व.स. 12/01/22.
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No:- D-23(2)/Survey/C.N.105/2547/2021-22, Dated 05/01/2022

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- Ref: - 1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur File No. D-17/Nodal/17-2/ID-12795/2019-20.
2. This office letter No. D-23(2)/Survey/C.N.105/1720, Dated 20/10/2021.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) West, Mumbai letter No. D-3/Land/FCA/C.N. 82/2311, Dated 14/12/2021.

The above mentioned proposal was received by this office vide reference (1) above, and comments of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State were sought on point No. (iii) of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur's letter Dated 14/09/2021, which is as follows:-

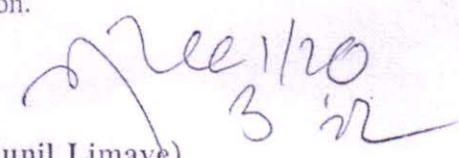
"Due to the close proximity of proposed alignment to Karnala Wildlife Sanctuary and its Eco-Sensitive Zone ; comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra were desired, however, the State Government has merely submitted that the DCF concerned has mentioned that approval of NBWL is not required. It is pertinent to mention here that for of detailed examination of proposal, comments of the PCCF (Wildlife) were desired as an expert opinion on any adverse impact of proposed transmission line on local wildlife in particular avifauna and mitigation thereof. Accordingly, the State Government shall provide comments of PCCF (Wildlife) on any possible adverse impact of proposed line on resident and migratory avifauna due to close proximity to Karnala Bird Sanctuary and Ransai Reservoir and suggest mitigation measure if required."

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In this regard, as per the details received from Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) West, Mumbai, the comments of this office are given as follows:-

- I. Karnala Bird Sanctuary falls in the jurisdiction of Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Thane. The Proposed Transmission line does not pass through the ESZ & notified area of Karnala Bird Sanctuary.
- II. The proposed transmission line also does not pass through Ransai Dam area which falls under the jurisdiction of Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Alibag.
- III. However, Karnala Bird Sanctuary is a home to around 147 different migratory & residential bird species including Peregrine Falcon, Osprey and Vulture etc. which is listed under schedule-I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. As the movement of birds are also noticed outside the Sanctuary, there is possibility of birds getting electrocuted or collision with the overhead transmission lines & may get injured or may be fatal.
- IV. To minimize the negative impacts of power lines on birds, it is necessary to design the suitable mitigation measures.
- V. For this, the project proponent should prepare a Bird Conservation Plan suggesting mitigation measures in consultation with the institutes like BNHS & WII Dehradun and get it approved by CWLW.

Forwarded for your information & further necessary action.


(Sunil Limaye)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)
Maharashtra State

✓ To,
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer Maharashtra State, Nagpur

Copy to :- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) West, Mumbai
for information and necessary action.

- 2) Chief Conservator of Forests (T.) Thane for information and necessary action.
- 3) Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Thane for information and necessary action.
- 4) Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests, Alibag Division, Alibag for information and necessary action.