

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

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**Dated: As per E-sign**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai.

**Subject: Proposal seeking Ex-post facto approval under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.45 ha forest land in favour of EHV Project Division M.S.E.T.C.L. Amravati for construction of LILO on 132 KV Yavatmal - Yavatmal MIDC line for 132 KV Darwha Sub-Station Transmission Line in Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/TRANS/37560/2018) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD 3222/CR-213/F-10 dated 14.09.2022 which has been forwarded by the Regional Office, Nagpur as per Sub Rule 2 (v) of Rule 10 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. After examining the proposal, the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. Complete KML file showing the 'To' and 'Fro' passage including 98.0991 ha Non-Forest land involved in the project shall be uploaded/ submitted along with layout map.
- ii. As per Chapter-9 in the consolidated handbook of guidelines under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 the Width of Right of Way prescribed for 132 KV line is 27 meter whereas the Width of Right of Way of KML file of proposed transmission line on forest land proposed for diversion is found to be 26 meter. Therefore, correct KML file of the proposed transmission line over forest land shall be uploaded online.
- iii. As reported 132 KV Darwha substation is technically surveyed and approved in year 2008 avoiding any forest interception that time. But the project is near completion in 2018. During this period some of the Government land is converted into forest land through which route passes. Therefore, the State Govt. shall re-examine and confirm that a consolidated proposal for the complete section of the transmission line falling in the State has been included in the instant forest diversion proposal.
- iv. As depicted through satellite imagery, transmission line has already been established and passing through the proposed forest land. Therefore, it needs clarification along with relevant details whether the project has been completed and services have been resumed or otherwise.

- v. Keeping in view of the Chapter 10, Para 10.1 of the consolidated handbook of guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam-1980, the Minimum clearance between conductor and Trees has been prescribed as 4 meters whereas it has been reported that overhead conductors at a height of 7 meter above the ground. Therefore, it needs clarification whether the minimum clearance between conductor and trees have been maintained or otherwise.
- vi. Keeping in view of the Chapter 10, Para 10.5 of the consolidated handbook of guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam-1980, the KML file of identified degraded forest areas of not less than one ha for carrying out plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) shall be uploaded.
- vii. It has been reported that the Extra High Voltage electricity transmission line project transmitting power in Yavatmal district from 132KV Yavatmal substation to 132KV Darwha substation was approved in the year 2008. However, the details of the scheme along with technical approval of the project has not been submitted with the proposal. The same needs submission.
- viii. As most of work has already be completed in the proposed forest land but it needs clarification whether the user agency had identified three alternative sites before starting the work on the proposed forest land. The justification along with the KML file in this regard needs submission.
- ix. The State Govt. submitted the instant proposal as diversion of 0.45 ha forest land whereas the proposal involves violation. Therefore, it needs clarification whether the proposal is of regularization of encroachment or ex-post facto approval under the Adhiniyam, 1980.
- x. Satellite imagery dated 03.01.2024 shows that the Pre-plantation work within the proposed CA land is completed. This needs justification.
- xi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency has proposed to establish the transmission lines in the forest land as per the Chapter 10, Para 10.1 of the Consolidated Handbook of the Guidelines issued by the Ministry on dated 29.12.2023 under the Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra,

Nagpur;

4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.