

भारतसरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

पर्यावरण ,वनएवंजलवायुपरिवर्तनमंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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MOST IMPORTANT

F.No. FC-II/MH-201/2022-NGP/ 13854

Date: 23 .12.2024

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 12.0225 ha forest land in favour of EHV Project Division M.S.E.T.C.L. Kalyan for construction of laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe-Wada and Kolshet-Wada Transmission Line for 400 KV Kudus Sub-Station passing through Thane District in the State of Maharashtra- FP/MH/TRANS/48241/2020- in principle approval regarding.

Ref: 1. The Regional Office, Nagpur letter No FC-II/MH-201/2022-NGP/12797 dated 01.02.2024

2.The Nodal Officer (FCA) Maharashtra State Forest
Department letter No Desk-17/Nodal /SI /Thane/ID-48241/1808/202425 dated 11/11.2024

Sir.

Your kind attention is invited to this office letter under Reference No. 1, wherein the state government was requested to take appropriate action on violations of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam (VSSA), 1980 (copy enclosed). In response, the state government has submitted an action-taken report vide letter at Reference No. 2 (copy enclosed).

Upon examining the action-taken report, it has been observed that as per Sub-rules 15(1) and 15(2) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the jurisdictional Divisional Forest Officer or Deputy Conservator of Forests, as applicable, is authorized to initiate action under Sections 3A or 3B of the VSSA, 1980, against violators. However, in the present case, the Round Forest Officer, Dighashi, has filed a case in the Hon'ble Court of the First Class Judicial Magistrate, Bhiwand, which is not in alignment with the provisions of the Rules.

In view of the above, the state government is requested to re-examine the matter and submit a revised action-taken report in compliance with the provisions of the VSSA, 1980, to enable further action at the regional office.



This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority, 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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