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✓ 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, Kalyan for construction and 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 Villages- Eaksal, Chichavali, Kunde and Dighashi, Taluka- Bhiwandi, District- Thane in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to FLD-2022/CR-192/F-10 dated 18.10.2022 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/I.D-13203(78)/1441/2022-23 dated 12.09.2022 Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. The detailed report on violation of FCA, 1980 including nature and extent of violation, name of official persons responsible for violation and action taken thereof needs to be submitted.
- ii. Since Eco-Sensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified, ESZ is deemed to be 10 Km., accordingly, the State Government shall obtain and submit comments from the PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on any adverse impact of the proposal on the resident wildlife and mitigation measure thereof.
- iii. Alternative alignments has been examined only based of minimum forest area required, no other ecological parameters have been used. Accordingly, detail of alternatives examined before finalization of proposed one along with the details of corresponding attributes of alternatives examined viz. forest area involved, no of trees involved, tree density, distance from the PAs etc. vis-à-vis feasibility of project and soft copies of kml needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- iv. State Government has mentioned in their covering letter that "Concerned DCF shall ensure that proposed land and CA land is a forest land as per relevant documents". The exact legal status of the area identified for CA and proposed for diversion need to be certified by the State Government.

- v. Examination of Google imagery of proposed area revealed that by shifting alignment further north down to the existing highway around the hillock, a considerable forest area can be avoided. Further alignment is passing close to the Tansa and Dumdya River, however, same can be proposed diagonally through the agriculture field, which eventually will also reduce the length of the alignment. The State Government may revisit the alignment and detail report on possibility of shifting of the alignment as above need to be submitted.
- vi. It has been found through the satellite imaginary that most of the forest area and Reserve Forest in particular is under encroachment and activities like agriculture, pathways and construction of permanent structure are visible. The detail note on the current land use of Reserve Forest and action if any taken for removal of encroachment need to be submitted.
- vii. Forest patch wise area calculation statement, indicating the length and breadth, forest density has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with detail of forest patches which are being bifurcated from the transmission line.
- viii. Detail of area available for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal in the clearance available under the conductor and scheme of plantation has not been provided in the proposal, same need 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/RO (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(N. K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

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

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