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Sub: - Diversion of 6.0760 ha of forest land in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati for laying of 220KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220KV Warud substation transmission line in Taluka- Katol, District- Nagpur.
Submission of Compliances towards observations received.

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Nagpur, Dated 22.11.2023

To,
The Conservator of Forests,
Nagpur Circle, Nagpur.

Ref.:- 1. GoI, Moef, IRO Office, Nagpur letter No.F.No. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP/11930, Dated 25/07/2023.
2. Maharashtra State Electricity Trans. Co.Ltd Amravati letter No.EE/EHV/Proj/Dn/Amt/Tech/AEE/No.2132, Dated 03/08/2023.


This is with reference to the 1 to 3 queries raised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India regarding proposal of diversion of 6.0760 ha forest land in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati for laying of 220KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220KV Warud substation transmission line in Taluka- Katol, District- Nagpur.

In this context point wise reply is as under.

Sr. No.	Query	Compliance
1	The detailed violation report including the nature and extent of the violation, action taken by the State Forest Department under IFA, 1927 and FCA, 1980 along with the relevant documents shall be submitted by the state government. The name of the officials responsible for the violation from the User Agency as well as the State Forest Department need to be indicated.	The detailed violation report including the name of the officials responsible for the violation is enclosed herewith as Annexure I .
2	The State Government shall submit a detail report on why the violation has not been recorded and stopped by the State Forest Department at the time of violation, as it has been reported that violation was conducted in the year 2010 and reported in 2015-16	<p>The legal status of land shown as Zudpi Jungle as per revenue record in 6 District. i.e. Nagpur, Wardha, Gondia, Wardha, Chandrapur & Gadchiroli in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State. The Government of Maharashtra vide order dated 6 November 1987, the Zudpi Jungle land should not be consider as forest land, then GOI, MOEF, letter dated 12 February 1992 clarified that the Zudpi Jungle land shall attract all the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.</p> <p>As per the direction of GOI, Zudpi Jungle was categorized in various parts. The land which is found to be suitable for forestry management point of view was handed over to forest department since the year 1997. Most of the Zudpi Jungle land is in scattered and not permanently demarcated in ground, unknowingly the work was carried out by the User Agency, and hence the violation has not been recorded and stopped by the Field staff at that time of execution of the work. Field Officers who are responsible for the violation, enquiry, and disciplinary action have been proposed against them.</p> <p>The patch of existing alignments comes under the norms of forest land. The project affected forest land shows as Proposed Reserved Forest (Notified under section 4 of IFA 1927) was originally recorded as Zudpi Jungle.</p> <p>The Project Authority has executed construction of 3 foundation & stringing at places on forest land on the survey no. 28,63 of Salai Rithi & survey no. 21 of</p>

		Bhajipani of Katol taluka and thereby violation of forest act from the year 2014 to 2018. The work in this area is stopped and POR had filed against Project Authority on dated 30.06.2020 for Survey No.63 & 28 of Mauza Salai Rithi of Katol Range vide POR No. 04892/122280/2023 and again POR had filed against Project Authority on dated 04.05.2023 for Survey No. 21 of Mauja Bhajipani of Katol Range vide POR No. 04894/124578/2021. The copies of POR are enclosed as Annexure II.
3	User Agency shall take prior approval of the NBWL/SBWL and updated status shall be submitted.	The proposal for NBWL is submitted to GOM on 01/02/2023. The copy of the recommendation letter by Chief Wildlife Warden, M. S. Nagpur is enclosed as Annexure III.

Enclosure - As above.


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Copy submitted to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S. Nagpur for information.