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Maharashtra State.**

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Query Compliance

No. : Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-38296/Nagpur/ 1944 /24-25
Nagpur- 440 001, Dated: 5/12/2024

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032**

Sub: Diversion of 6.0760 ha of forest land (Zudpi jungle) for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220 KV Warud substation transmission line in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati in Taluka- Katol, District-Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/TRANS/38296/2019)- regarding.

- Ref :** 1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change letter dtd. 14/08/2024.
2. The Conservator of Forests(T), Nagpur letter no. Desk-10/Land/C.R.1096/2024-25/1132, dtd. 27/11/2024.

The Government of India vide letter under reference No.1 raised certain queries. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, vide letter under reference No. 2, has submitted the compliance report for the same to this office. The report, as desired by the Government of India vide letter dated 14/08/2024, is being submitted as follows:

Sr. No.	Query	Compliance
i	The CF, Nagpur in his comments on violation reported that the forest area where violation happened was originally recorded as Zudpi Jungle land which is proposed reserved forest (notified u/s 4 of IFA 1927). The details in this regard including the date when the notification u/s 4 has been issued shall be submitted.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur. The details of the said notification and date of notification are as below: The notification u/s 4 of IFA 1927 dated 21/12/2017 of Village Pathar, Survey No. 48 & Village Bhajipani, Survey No. 6 & 16, Village

		Dongargaon Survey No. 70,89,116 & 126, Village Pardi Gotmare Survey No. 74, Village Salai Rithi, Survey No. 28 & 63, Village Karla, Survey No. 63 & 68. (Annexure I). The notification u/s 4 of IFA 1927 dated 10/14/2029, the Village Bhajipani Survey No. 7 (Annexure II) is hereby enclosed.
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	<p>updated/uploaded in Part-II of the application form. The same needs to be updated.</p>	<p>Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, revised Violation report is submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur office and the revised violation report is uploaded with Revised Part II.</p> <p>Encl: Copy of Violation report as Annexure IV & copy of revised Part II as Annexure V.</p>
v	<p>The State Govt. has recommended the proposal subject to the condition that as the proposed area falls in Tiger Corridor, therefore the user agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Also the DCF, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to mitigation measures in corridor area. However in the online Part-II, it has been reported that the proposed area does not forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. Moreover, wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion has been reported as Nil. This needs clarification.</p>	<p>As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, the proposal area falls in Bor to Pench Wildlife corridor of Eastern Vidarbha landscape (Tiger Zone).</p> <p>Proposal No. WL/MH/TRANS/450298/2023 for Wildlife clearance under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 was submitted to SBWL, which received approval from SBWL in its 22nd meeting on dt. 16/10/2023 and also approval from NBWL in 79th meeting dtd. 23rd August 2024 has been received.</p> <p>Revised Part II is submitted herewith and revised Part II is uploaded on Parivesh Portal.</p> <p>Encl: Copy of Online Part II as Annexure VI.</p>
vi	<p>The State Govt. reported that the proposed forest land is prone to erosion. Therefore, mitigation measures required to check the soil erosion needs submission.</p>	<p>As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, the proposed forest land is not prone to erosion. It is mentioned in offline Part II submitted by the DCF, Nagpur on 07/06/2022, vide para (viii).</p> <p>While uploading online Part II due to over sight it has been mistakenly written as area is</p>

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This is for your information and further needful action.

Encl: As above 2 copies.

Yours sincerely,

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy for information & necessary action:

1. The Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur
3. The Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division MHETCL, Prakash Sarita, A Wing, Groun Floor, Admin Building, Morshi Road, Amravati.



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दिनांक : २७ नोव्हेंबर 2024

प्रति,

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी,
महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपूर.

विषय:- Diversion of 6.0760 ha. of forest land (Zudpi Jungle) for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation of 220 KV Warud substation transmission line in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati in Taluka- Katol, District- Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/TRANS/38296/2019)- regarding.

- संदर्भ:-
- केंद्र शासनाचे पत्र क्र. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP, दिनांक 14/08/2024.
 - आपले कडील पत्र क्र कक्ष-17/नोडल/1295, दिनांक 19/08/2024.
 - या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र कक्ष-10/जमीन/प्र.क्र.1096/1786, दिनांक 21/08/2024
 - उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र कक्ष-11/वनसंवर्धन/927, दि.30/10/2024.
 - या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र कक्ष-10/जमीन/प्र.क्र.1096/2739, दिनांक 06/11/2024.
 - उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र कक्ष-11/वनसंवर्धन/979, दि.14/11/2024.
 - उपवनसंरक्षक पांढरकवडा वनविभाग, पांढरकवडा यांचे कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र कक्ष/सर्व्हे/1108, दिनांक 21/11/2024.

विषयाकित्त प्रस्तावात केंद्र शासनाने संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 1 अन्वये 1 ते 8 मुद्यांची त्रुटी उपस्थित केलेली असून आपले संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 2 अन्वये केंद्र शासन पत्रात नमुद 1 ते 8 त्रुटीची पुर्तता करून पुर्तता अहवाल आंग्ल भाषेत सादर करणेबाबत कळविलेले होते.

त्याअनुषंगाने उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांनी संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 4 अन्वये केंद्र शासन पत्रात नमुद 1 ते 8 त्रुटीची पुर्तता करून अहवाल सादर करणेबाबत या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला होता. सादर अहवालाचे संस्करण केले असणा मुद्दा क्र 8 चे अनुषंगाने 226.1805 हे. वनेत्तर क्षेत्राची KML File CD मध्ये सादर केलेली असून KML File मध्ये 226.1805 हे. वनेत्तर क्षेत्राचे व बाधित वनक्षेत्राचे गट सिमा दिसून येत नसल्याने तसेच वनेत्तर 226.1805 हे. क्षेत्राचे, क्षेत्र विवरण पुर्तता अहवालासह सादर करणेबाबत या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 5 अन्वये उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांना कळविले.

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सहपत्र:- वरिलप्रमाणे (5 प्रतीत)

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वनसंरक्षक (प्रा),नागपूर
वनवृत्त, नागपूर

प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक,नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांना माहितीस.

प्रतिलिपी:- कार्यकारी अभियंता, EHV Project Division MHETCL, प्रकाश सरिता, ए व्हिंग, तळमजला, प्रशासकिय बिल्डींग, मोर्शी रोड, अमरावती यांना माहिती व आवश्यक कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित. केंद्र शासन पत्रात नमुद 1 ते 8 त्रुटीची पुर्तता करून अहवाल तात्काळ उपवनसंरक्षक नागपूर वनविभाग, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालयास सादर करावा.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

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Government of India MoEFCC letter no. FC-II/ MH-216/2023-NGP/79841, dt. 14/08/2024.

Query Compliance

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(SreeLakshmi. A)

Conservator , of Forest,s
(Territorial), Nagpur.

Place :Nagpur

Date.: 26/11/2024

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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 Central Government observations received.

No. Desk-11/Conservation/CR. 265/2022-23 927

Nagpur, Dated 30/10/2024

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


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Enclosure - As above.


 (Dr. Bharat Singh Hada)
 Deputy Conservator of Forests,
 Nagpur Division, Nagpur

Copy submitted to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S. Nagpur for information.
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Date: As per E-Sign

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Subject: Diversion of 6.0760 ha of forest land (Zudpi jungle) for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220 KV Warud substation transmission line in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati in Taluka - Katol, District-Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/TRANS/38296/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/CR-309/F-10 dated 17.04.2023 (received from the Regional Office, Nagpur in the Ministry through e-file on 22.07.2024) forwarding a fresh proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

In this regard, in accordance to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, Rule 10(4) the Regional Office, Nagpur shall conduct the site inspection of the subject cited proposal and submit the site inspection report to the Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 14-08-2024 21:02:20

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