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Letter.

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial),
Pune.

Sub:- Diversion of 17.25 ha. forest land in favour of MSETCL, Pune for construction of proposed 400KV D/C Line from 400 KV Jejuri substation to proposed 400KV Hinjewadi substation in Pune District in the state of Maharashtra.regarding.

- Ref - 1) MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter no. F.No. FC-II/MH-159/2021-NGP/12143, Date: 09.09.2023
2) Addl.Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer letter no.Desk-17/FCA-51/PID-9859 /Pune/1980,dt.04.10.2023.
3) Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-II, MSETCL, Pune letter no.EE/EHV/Proj/DN-II/PN/ Tech/No 01263, dt.18.10.2023.

With reference to MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter dt. 09.09.2023 referred to at refrence no.1 above and APCCF & Nodal office, Nagpur letter dt. 04.10.2023 referred to at refrence no.2 above, the project proponent has copliance report submitted with the shortcomings refered therein the said letter, vide letter dt. 18.10.2023. Accordingly compliance report has been furnished below for your consideration and further necessary action .

S. No	Shortcomings	Comments
i	The State Government shall provide the status quo of Private Forest land under litigation which is under consideration with Hon'ble Supreme Court Further, a brief summary of the land issue raised in the Civil Appeal no. 5454/219 and the prayer made by the petitioner before the Hon'ble Supreme Court need to be submitted by the State Government. The Stage-1 approval shall not be issued until the matter is sub-judice or as per any instructions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.	As per the reference letter dt. 18.10.2023 Project Proponent has replied as under: “ Undertaking regarding the same is attached separately in Annexure-I.”
ii	It was mentioned by the User Agency that no towers need to be erected in the forest area, however, on examination of the alignment over goggle satellite imaginary, it is observed that there are few locations in the Reserve Forest and Private Forest where tower needs to erected as the line is taking a turn at those points. Accordingly the State Government need to submit the details of the tower proposed in the forest area.	As per the reference letter dt. 18.10.2023 Project Proponent has replied as under: “This was mentioned only in respect of forest area in Dapode village, from which only belt crosses. However, tower construction will be needed for in all the remaining forest area i.e. there is a need to construct 2 towers in village Shivre, 1 tower in Ghotawade and 8 towers in village Man. The screen short of forest area along with tower position is attached. (4 sheets).”
iii	Muck disposal plan for the muck to be generated in the erection of the towers needs to be submitted.	As per the reference letter dt. 18.10.2023 Project Proponent has replied as under: “Muck disposal plan regarding the same is attached separately in Annexure -2.”

iv	The total Forest area proposed for diversion is 17.25 ha, in online Part I it is mentioned that the proposal also involves 427 0916 ha of non-forest land thereby total land required for the project is 444.3416 ha. Whereas, in covering letter State Government has mentioned that 59.46 ha non-forest land is involved in the project. Clarification regarding the same shall be submitted by the State Government	As per the reference letter dt. 18.10.2023 Project Proponent has replied as under: "Earlier 59.46 hectare area shown was of non-forest area of only those 4 villages in which the said forest area crossing involve. However, 39 villages are included in the said proposed work and the combined non forest area of those villages is 427.0916 hectares, the details of which are attached in Appendix - I (Area Statement). Also, it is bring to your kind notice that, The reply for the same is already submitted by this office on dated 21.01.2022. & same is accepted & forwarded by DCF Pune to CCF Pune vide letter no. 10 date 07.04.2022."
v	The Density of the area proposed for diversion has been reported as 0.4 and Eco-class value- III with 5832 project affected trees, Enumeration list of trees to be felled in Pune Division has been submitted, whereas, enumeration list of trees to be felled in Bhore Division is not submitted. Further, discrepancy is observed in total number trees to be felled in the proposal, State Government has mentioned in its covering that 5832 project affected trees, whereas, in online Part II, details of 5829 trees are provided. Discrepancy in total number of project affected trees may be revisited by State Government and detailed enumeration list shall be submitted	As per the reference letter dt. 18.10.2023 Project Proponent has replied as under: "Details regarding the same is submitted by DCF Pune to CCF Pune vide letter no. 10 date 07.04.2022.(Copy of Letter is attached) Also, for your ready reference Letter from DFO Bhore is submitted."
vi	The project layout plan needs to be submitted.	As per the reference letter dt. 18.10.2023 Project Proponent has replied as under: "Drawing is attached. (3 Sheets)."

Encl : As above 4 copies.


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 Deputy Conservator of Forests,
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1. Copy to APCCF & Nodal office, Nagpur for information and necessary action.
2. Copy to, Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-II, MSETCL, Pune for information and necessary action.
3. Copy to, Assistant Conservator of Forests, (Statistic) Pune for information and necessary action.
4. Copy to, Assistant Conservator of Forests, (T) Bhore for information and necessary action.
5. Copy to, Range Forest Officer, Paud for information and necessary action.