

Government of Maharashtra

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No. FLD-2022/C.R.309/P-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date: 19/12/2024.

To,

1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Regional Office,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India, Nagpur-440 001.

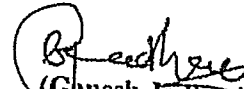
Sub.:- Forest Land-Nagpur.

Diversion of 6.0760 ha.Reserved Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission Line in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/TRANS/38296/2019)

- Ref: 1. Your Office Letter No. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP, DL.14.08.2024.
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-38296/Nagpur/1944/24-25 Nagpur, Dated : 05.12.2024

MoEF&CC, Government of India has sought additional information with respect to the proposal for diversion of 6.0760ha.Reserved Forest Land for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar Substation to 220 KV Warud substation Transmission Line in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra vide letter under reference no.1.

2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted compliance report to the Government of Maharashtra vide letter under reference no.2, Compliance Report submitted by the APCCF & Nodal Officer is self-explanatory and attached herewith for further necessary action in the matter..


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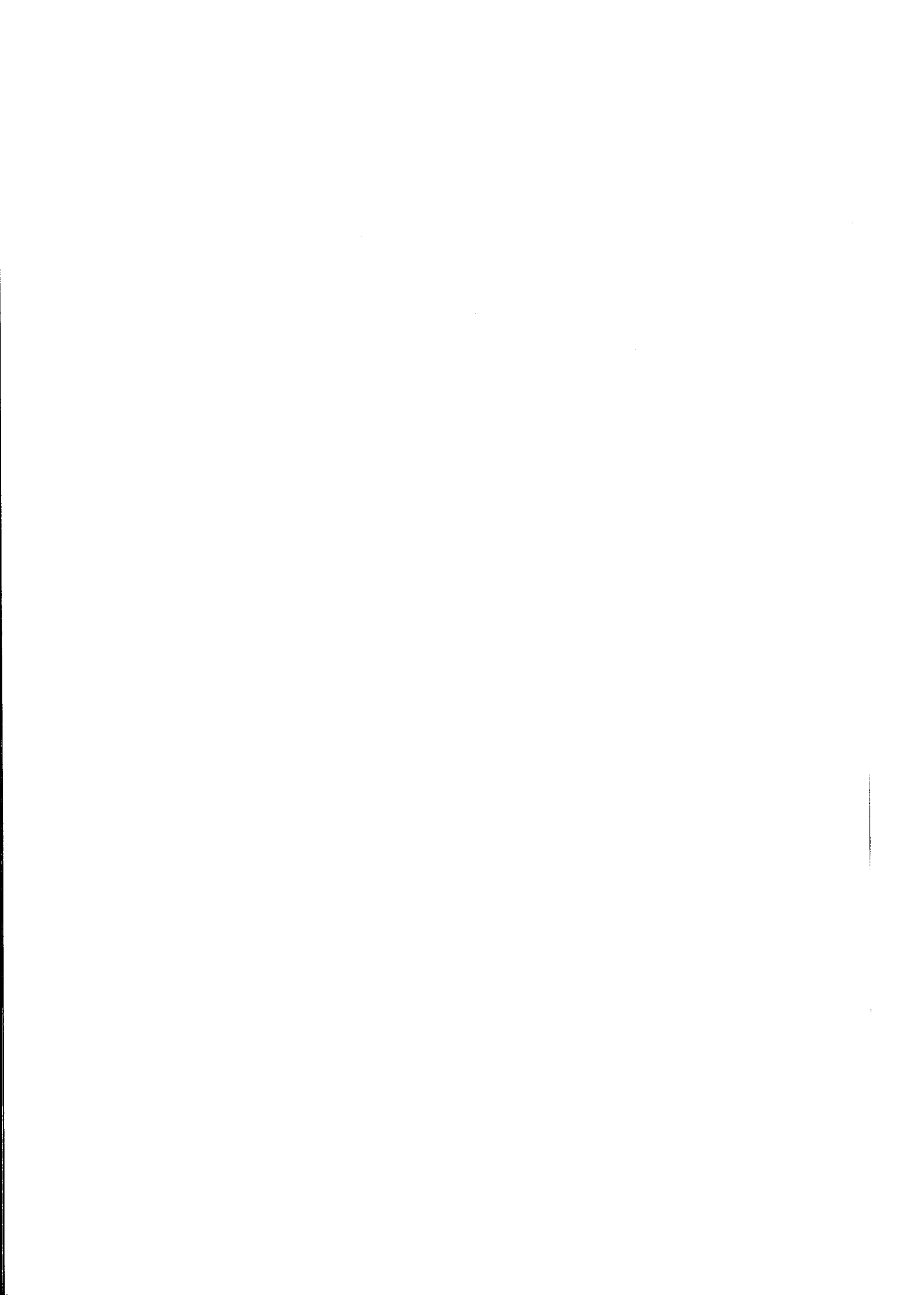
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Encl: As above.

Copy to:

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
2. Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
4. The Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division MHETCL, Amravti.

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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,
Mantralya, 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

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		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.
ii	The State Govt. has informed that 265 number of trees exist within the proposed forest land. However as the proposal is for laying of transmission line. Therefore it needs clarification whether 265 number of trees has been earmarked for felling or pruning or otherwise.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, all 265 number of trees within the proposed forest land will be felled down while stringing/construction of transmission line.
iii	Keeping in view the Chapter 10, Para 10.5 of the consolidated handbook of guidelines, it is not clarified by the State Govt. whether the user agency in consultation with State Forest Department has identified degraded forest areas of not less than one ha for carrying out plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) or not?	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, no separate degraded forest area not less than one hectare has been identified for carrying out plantation of dwarf species as area patches is more than 0.10 ha. Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) on forest area of 6.0760 ha within RoW below the transmission line conductors will be carried out at the cost of User Agency. The forest area of 6.0760 ha is segregated in 16 patches. Out of 16 patches area of 15 patches is more than 0.1 ha and only single patch is having area of 0.098 ha which is almost 0.1 ha. Encl: Statement of Patch wise area as Annexure III .
iv	Detail of violation/report has not been	As per the compliance report submitted by the

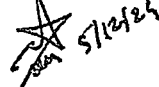
	<p>updated/uploaded in Part-II of the application form. The same needs to be updated.</p>	<p>Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, revised Violation report is submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur office and the revised violation 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, wildliffe 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>

		prone to erosion. Online Part II is corrected now. Enclose copy of online Part II as Annexure VI.
vii	The complete KML file of 226.1805 ha Non-forest land involved in the project needs to 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 complete KML file of 226.1805 ha Non-forest land involved in the project is submitted herewith as Annexure VII.
viii	As per the DSS analysis, some pre-plantation works are visible within proposed Compensatory Afforestation land. This needs clarification.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, revised CA land of 12.50 ha out of 18.60 ha of the same area has been selected which is suitable for CA & free from any plantation. The detailed field reports from DCF, Pandharkawada is attached herewith. Annexure VIII.

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.