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No.Deck-2/Land/C.No.58/2024-25/ 2641 /2025-26 Date :- 09/01/2026

LETTER

To,

**Deputy Conservator of Forests (T)
Shahapur**

Subject :- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (i) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evar Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of JSW Energy PSP Two Limited for non-forestry use of 243.74 ha. of forest land (Reserved Forest, Protected Forest and Private Forest) for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) in Thane & Nashik District in the State of Maharashtra (Online Proposal No.FP/MH/HYD/ 153240/2022) – regarding.

Reference:- 1) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change New Delhi's queryletter dtd.15/12/2025 – 177
2)Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur no.Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID- 178 153240/Thane/2205, dated 17/12/2025
3) Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik Division letter No. Desk-3/Land/Campa/1450/2025-26, dated 09/01/2026 – 182

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Nagpur has raised queries vide letter under Reference No. 01

Accordingly, Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik Division has submitted the compliance vide letter under Reference No.3. This office agrees with the same.

2.00 Five sets of queries compliance reports are attached herewith for information and further necessary action.

Encl:- As above 5 sets.

29/01/2026

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(G.Mallikarjuna)

Signature
Chief Conservator of Forests (T)
Nashik
09/01/2026

Copy submitted to :- Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur for information and necessary action.

Copy forwarded to :- Cheif Conservator of Forests (T) Thane for information and necessary action.

Copy forwarded to :- Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik for information and necessary action.

Copy forwarded to :- JSW Energy PSP Two Limited at JSW centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai – 400 051 for information and necessary action.



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Letter No. Desk- 3/Land/ १५०/ 2025-26,

Date: ०९ /01/2026.

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forests
(T) Nashik

Subject :-Proposal of JSW Energy PSP Two Ltd. For Diversion of 243.74 ha. Forest Land (Reserved Forest, Protected Forest and Private Forest) For Bhavali Pump Storage Project (1500 MW) In Thane & Nashik District in the State of Maharashtra (Online Proposal NO. FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022).

Reference:-

1. Letter from Government of India, MOEF & CC Dated 15/12/2025
2. Letter from Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer Maharashtra State, Nagpur No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-153240/Thane/2205 Date 17/12/2025
3. Letter from Chief Conservator of Forest office, Thane Dated 29/12/2025
- 4 Letter from Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shapur Division, Tal-Thane letter No.3189 Dated 05/01/2026
5. Letter from M/s JSW Energy PSP Two Limited Dated 06/01/2026

This is with reference to the Submission of Replies/Clarifications to EDS issued on 15/Dec/2025 By MOEF&CC Regarding Forest Clearance Proposal of M/s JSW Energy PSP Two Ltd. For Diversion of 243.74 ha. Forest land (comprising Reserved Forest, Protected Forest and Private Forest) under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The M/s JSW Energy PSP Two Ltd. has submitted the compliance report in response of the queries raised, along with necessary documents/undertakings as follows.

Sr. no	Query raised	Compliance	Page no.
1	Both the reservoirs are being constructed afresh. Further, there is no water source in the vicinity and the lower reservoir is proposed to be filled with rain water. Keeping above in view, the site specificity of the project is not established. The site specificity of the project is therefore required to be examined in detail and state shall explore to locate the project over non-forest land.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.	--
2	An area of 40.91 ha forest land is proposed to be used for muck dumping and job facilities which are not site specific and may be shifted over non-forest land.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.	--

3	The feasibility of filling the huge reservoir with rain water and maintaining the water level throughout the year needs justification. A detailed report shall be submitted in this regard.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.	--
4	As per the recommendations of Regional Office, 20 ha NFL proposed for CA is unsuitable for plantation. Accordingly, CA scheme shall be revised to carry out plantation in degraded forest areas at double the extent of unsuitable area. The improvement plan is required for the remaining non forest area where canopy density is more than 0.4. The detail of identified DFL along with KML files shall be submitted.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.	--
5	The DFO Nasik in his recommendations submitted that the project involves construction of tunnel work, which may require stability studies from national level institutions. The details/report in this regard shall be submitted.	The user agency has submitted that the overall project design has received approval from central agencies. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Central Water Commission (CWC) have confirmed the suitability and safety of the tunnels. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has granted concurrence to the Detailed Project Report (DPR) through its	02 To 26
6	The DFO West Nasik has recommended that in case of land that were allotted prior to 1980, lying in the project area, the user agency shall not utilize/acquire said land parcel without a separate/ additional diversion proposal. The state/user agency has not provided any appropriate justification in this regard. A detailed justification along with a list of such areas involved in the project shall be submitted.	The user agency has submitted that Gut Nos. 37 to 41 at Jamunde village have been excluded from the project area. Undertaking is attached herewith.	27
7	The state has informed that 13.814 ha area has been excluded as these patches do not fall within the working area. Since these patches are interspersed in-between the working area, the state shall provide the justification for their exclusion and the plan for the protection of these patches.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.	--

This above information is submitted for further necessary action.

Encl: - (Proposal in 2 copies)


 (Siddesh Sawardekar)
 Deputy Conservator of Forests,
 West Nashik Division

Copy to:- Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur Division, Tal-Thane For information and necessary action.

Copy to:- M/s JSW Energy PSP Two Limited, For information.