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Subject: - Diversion of 3.064 Ha. Protected Zudpi Forest land in favour of EHV oject Division. MSETCL: Nagpur for KV Umred to Nagbhid Extra High Voltage electricity transmission line project in Nagpur-Chandrapur laying of 220 Maharashtra- regarding. District in the State of

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Nagpur, Dated 15 01 2025

To.

The Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Circle, Nagpur.

- Ref. 1. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, letter no. Desk-17/Nodal pid-44469/Nagpur/1952/24-25 Dt: 05.12.2024.
 - 2. Letter from Regional Office, G.O.I. Nagpur no: FC-I/MH-335/2023-NGP/13911 Dt: 10.01.2025.
 - 3. Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-I, MSETCL, Nagpur letter No. VEE/EHV Proj Dn-I, Nagpur 1-98 Dt:14.01.2025

With reference to above subject, it is asked by Regional Office, MoE&CCF, G.O.I, Nagpur, vide ref. (2) to clarify whether any State Authority has issued an order to start the work in forest area.

In this regards, the user agency submitted the clarification vide letter under ref.(3) that none of the State Authority has issued an instruction/orders to the Contractor/Agency to execute the work in Zudpi Jungle area coming in the Route of the Transmission Line. But, unknowingly the agency M/s Rounak Industries. Nagpur had lifted the conductor at (a) survey no.45, Vg-Sonegaon (Rithi), Taluka-Bhiyapur (Route-12mtrs, Area- 0.045 Ha) and (b) survey no. 70, Vg-Kalandri (Rithi), Taluka-Bhivapur (Route-06 mtrs, Area-0.021 Ha) having status of Zudpi Jungle (Revenue Forest Land) which is not in possession of Forest Department.

It is further submitted that only 18mtr stringing of conductor was carried out by the Contractor/Agency without any excavation in Forest/Zudpi Jungle Land. Further no civil construction, no felling of trees is done in the forest Zudpi Jungle Land. However, 18 mtr stringing work was done to avoid theft of conductor, materials and to avoid hurdles to the local cultivators and residents. Moreover, the Transmission Line has not been commissioned.

The above instance was noticed by the User Agency on dt. 01.05.2024. The User Agency has asked the explanation from the Sub-Division officer of MSETCL. Nagpur, & the Contractor. Accordingly, the warning letter was issued to the Sub-Division officer of MSETCL, Nagpur & asked the contractor to terminate the services of the concerned Supervisor. The contractor has terminated the services of concerned Supervisor (Shri. Mahesh Gautam).

Thus, necessary action has been taken by the User Agency i.e MSETCL. It is therefore requested to consider the clarification given above by the User Agency and arrange to submit to the competent authority for further necessary action

Enclosure - As above.

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