

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Division, Nagpur

(New Administrative Building, Vanbhavan, Near Government Press, Zero Miles, Nagpur-440001,
Tele No.0712 2565624, e-mail dycfnagpur@mahaforest.gov.in)

Sub: - Diversion of 6.0760 ha of forest land in favour of MSETCL,EHV Project Division, Amravati for laying of 220 KV 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. 265/2024-25 /1282

Nagpur, Dated 20/01/2025

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

Ref.: 1. Government of India, MoEFCC letter dated 08/01/2025.
2. Nodal Officer,M.S.Nagpur letter No. Desk-17/FCA-91/PID-38296/Nagpur/1295 dated 19/08/2024.
3. User Agency Letter No. EE/EHV/Proj/Dn/Amt/Tech/AEE/ No. 0050, dated 13/01/2025.

With reference to above subject, please find detailed compliance for MoEFCC query letter dated 14/08/2024 as below.

Sr. No.	Query	Compliance
I	It has been reported that proposal forest land was notified as Reserved Forest vide notification dated 21.12.2017 and 10.04.2019 and as per proposal timeline the Nodal office accepted the proposal on 06.12.2019 and processed the proposal as diversion of 6.076 ha forest land (Zudpi Jungle) whereas the proposal is for diversion of 6.076 ha Reserve Forest land indeed. Therefore, the clarification behind processing the proposal as diversion of Zudpi Jungle land instead of diversion of Reserve forest land needed submission.	The proposed forest area was originally recorded as Zudpi Jungle land which is now reserved forest (notified u/s 4 of IFA 1927). While the Project Authority has executed construction of transmission line from the year 2014 to 2018 in the proposed forest land which was then recorded as Zudpi Jungle in the revenue records and the notification of said land u/s of IFA 1927 was under process. Hence, the proposal for diversion of 6.076 ha forest land was inadvertently processed as diversion of Zudpi Jungle instead of Reserved Forest. However, during processing Part-II of the proposal it was clearly mentioned that the proposed forest land (zudpi jungle) has been notified under section 4 of IFA 1927 as Reserved Forest (copy enclosed).
II	The State Govt. has now reported that the plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) shall be carried out within the RoW of transmission line. However, the approved scheme along with financial outlay and species to be planted has not been submitted.	This office submits a separate plantation scheme of medicinal plants under the RoW of transmission line along with financial outlay and species to be planted. User agency has submitted an undertaking to bear the cost of plantation of medicinal plants to be carried out within RoW under the supervision of State Forest Department. Also confirm to undertake that all such funds will be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in).
III	Copy of Wildlife Clearance for the instant proposal has not been submitted and same needs submission.	Wildlife proposal No. WL/MH/Trans/ 450298/2023 is approved by NBWL vide APCCF Wildlife Nagpur letter No. Kaksh -23(2)Waji/Survey/ No.190/2167/2024-25 dated 07/10/2024. As per Central Government guidelines of March 2024 the approval to commence the work will be issued by Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW) only after submission of documents for In-principle approval to the proposal under FCA 1980. The copy of the wildlife clearance is attached herewith.
IV	As per the DSS analysis, the total area of forest land and Non-forest land involved in the project is found to be 235.436 ha instead of 232.2565 ha.(226.1805 ha+6.0760 ha) reported by the State Govt. Hence, variation of 3.1795 ha in the project area has been observed which requires clarification.	As per the compliance submitted by User Agency, The non-forest areas for transmission line are used as ROU under electricity act. As the said lands are not acquired therefore the non forest areas are computed base on village maps and revenue records before arriving to non forest area to 226.1805 ha. And for forest areas field measurements are carried out with joint site inspections before arriving to forest area of 6.076 ha. The KML file

has been again submitted herewith.

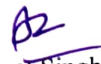
The updated breakup of forest and non forest area is as below.

Particular	Forest	Non Forest	Total
Length(m)	1736	65 531	67 267
Width(m)	35	35	35
Area(ha)	6 076	229 359	235 435

Encl.: KML in CD

V	<p>As per the DSS analysis, an area of 0.38 ha Protected Forest land in compartment on 78, Kotal Range, Nagpur Circle has not been included in the proposal. The State Govt. shall ensure that the proposal involving complete forest land involved in the project shall be submitted.</p>	<p>The compartment No. 78 is as verified with forest division it is observed that same is related to village Bordoh Taluka Katol Dist. Nagpur.</p> <p>As per the patwari halka number, the survey no.57 which was earlier Protected forest is distributed in different survey numbers i.e.34,33,32 & 38 in reconciliation map. which available details in the revenue record/Taluka Land Record. 7/12 utara is attached herewith. In reconciliation map, only Survey No.34 is forest land i.e. Compartment no.78.</p> <p>A map in this regard is attached herewith for ready reference.</p>
VI	<p>As per the DSS analysis, some per-plantation works are visible within the proposed CA land .The State Govt. shall ensure that the said plantation has not been carried out against CA in some other proposal.</p>	<p>As per the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests. Pandharkawada, the pre-plantation work as indicated in the DSS analysis was carried out to preserve the soil moisture of the land.</p> <p>The CA land proposed is 12.50 ha. out of 18.65 ha. area identified from Compartment no. 251, Survey no. 328 of Village Kurhad, Taluka Ghatanji, District Yavatmal. As per the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests. Pandharkawada, it is ensured and confirmed that the said visible plantation has not been carried out against CA for any other proposal. The said report of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada is attached herewith.</p>

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.
Copy to Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division, MSETCL, Prakash Sarita, A Wing, Morshi Road, Amraoti for information.