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No. FLD-2022/C.R.309/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date: 23/01/2025.

To,

✓ The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
Indira Paryavran Bhavan,
New Delhi.

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, Dt. 08.01.2025.

2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-38296/Nagpur/2361/24-25 Nagpur, Dated : 22.01.2025.

MoEF&CC, Government of India has sought additional information with respect to the proposal for 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 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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Copy to:

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2. Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
4. The Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division MHETCL, Amravrti.



Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Maharashtra State.

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No. : Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-38296/Nagpur/236 / 24-25
Nagpur- 440 001, Date: 22/01/2025

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- regarding.
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Ref : 1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change letter dtd. 08/01/2025.
2. The Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur letter no. Desk-10/Land/C.R. 1096/1387/2024-25, dtd. 22/1/2025.

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 of conditions for the same as follows:

Sr. No.	Query	Compliance
i	It has been reported that the proposed forest land was notified as Reserved Forest vide notification dated 21.12.2017 and 10.04.2019 and as per proposal timeline, the Nodal officer 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.	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 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

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		<p>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.</p> <p>(Annexure-I)</p>
ii	<p>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.</p>	<p>As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, a separate plantation scheme of medicinal plants under the RoW of transmission line alongwith financial outlay and species to be planted.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>(Annexure-II)</p>
iii	<p>Copy of Wildlife Clearance for the instant proposal has not been submitted and same 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, 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.</p> <p>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 VSSA 1980. The copy of the wildlife clearance is attached herewith. (Annexure-III)</p>
iv	<p>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</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 non-forest areas for transmission line are used as ROU under electricity act. As the said lands are not acquired therefore the</p>

	<p>project area has been observed which requires clarification.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The updated breakup of forest and non forest area is as below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="943 551 1525 752"> <thead> <tr> <th>Particular</th> <th>Forest</th> <th>Non Forest</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Length (m)</td> <td>1.736</td> <td>65.531</td> <td>67.267</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Width (m)</td> <td>35</td> <td>35</td> <td>35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area (ha)</td> <td>6.076</td> <td>229.359</td> <td>235.435</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Encl.: KML in CD (Annexure-IV)</p>	Particular	Forest	Non Forest	Total	Length (m)	1.736	65.531	67.267	Width (m)	35	35	35	Area (ha)	6.076	229.359	235.435
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vi	<p>As per the DSS analysis, some pre-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 compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, 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 as (Annexure-VI).</p>

Submitted for your information and further necessary action.

Encl: As above 2 copies.

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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, Ground Floor, Admin Building, Morshi Road, Amravati.



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3. DCF Nagpur letter No. Desk-11/Forest Conservation/CR 265/1282, Dated 20/01/2025.

With reference to the above subject, The Government of India vide letter under reference no.1 raised query. Accordingly Dy. Conservator of Forest Nagpur Division vide letter under reference 3 has submitted the compliance report for the same to this office.

Hence compliance report submitted by Dy. Conservator of Forest Nagpur Division is here by submitted with recommendation for information & necessary action.

Enclosure:- As above

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Conservator , of Forest,
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COMPLIANCE REPORT

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