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No.Desk-2/Land/C.No.58/2024-25/ 198 /2026-27 Date :- 24/04/2026

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 Evam 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 Letter No.8-06/2025-FC dtd.20/04/2026
2)Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur Office Letter No.Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-153240/Thane/154, dated 21/04/2026
3) Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Nashik Division letter No. Desk-3/Land/Campa/109/2026-27, dated 23/04/2026

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.


(G.Mallikarjuna)
**Chief Conservator of Forests (T)
Nashik**

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

Copy forwarded to :- Chief 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/109 / 2026-27

Date: - 23 /04/2026.

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forest (T),
Nashik.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (i) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of JSW Energy PSP Two Limited for Non-forestry use of 243.74 ha. (Shahapur Division 181.45 ha and West Nashik Division 62.29 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 submission of compliance.

Reference:

- MoEF&CC Letter No. 8-06/2025-FC dated 20.04.2026
- PCCF (HoFF) & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/SI/PID-153240/Thane/ 154/2025-26 dated 21.04.2026
- CCF Thane Office Letter No.- Desk-10/FCA/A-20/CR-80/24-25/09/26-27, date- 21.04.2026
- DCF Shahapur Office Letter No. Desk-10/FCA/148/2026-27, dated-23.04.2026

This is with reference to the observations raised by MoEF&CC vide letter dated 20.04.2026 regarding the above-mentioned proposal. The point-wise compliance is as follows:

Sr. No.	Query Raised	Compliance
1	The State Govt. submitted that the User Agency has undertaken to stabilize and scientifically reclaim the muck disposal sites post-use and to restore them with vegetation in accordance with the approved plan. However, the details with regard to the surrender schedule of the land proposed for Muck disposal (23.122 ha) along with an undertaking has not been furnished by the User Agency. The same needs to be submitted by the State Govt.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.
2.	The State Government has submitted that the overall forest land requirement for the project has been reduced from 243.74 ha to 207.171 ha, i.e., a reduction of 36.569 ha (17.788 ha from muck dumping sites and 19.781 ha. from proposed roads). However, it has also been indicated that the total reduction is 36.59 ha. Accordingly, the State Government may be requested to reconcile and rectify this discrepancy.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.

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3.	The State Govt. has submitted that the User Agency has also undertaken to submit the updated KML files and relevant documents along with Stage-I compliance. However, the revised component wise KML files for the proposed area of 207.171 ha needs to be submitted. The same shall be submitted by the State Govt.	Revised KML files component wise has been uploaded on Parivesh Portal.
4.	The State Govt. has not made the necessary correction on the Part-I and Part-II of the online application form as per the revised proposal area of 207.171 ha. The same needs to be done by the State Govt. along with the revised component wise breakup of the land proposed for diversion.	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.
5.	The State Govt. shall clarify whether the DPR of the proposal has been revised as per the revised area. If yes, the revised DPR needs to be submitted by the State Government.	The User Agency has submitted that there is no change in the project layout and components Hence, there is no requirement of revision in the approved DPR. Approach/access to project components and dumping & job facility areas have been optimized with an objective of minimising the forest land diversion. Further, the revised Forest diversion area of 207.171 ha has been comprehensively mapped duly considering the changes in some component areas due to overlap between underground and surface works, which has been updated.
6.	The State Government has submitted that for access roads, upon review, optimization measures such as reduction in carriageway width and adoption of underground access have been undertaken. Consequently, the forest land requirement for roads in the lower reservoir area has been reduced from 39.162 ha to 19.381 ha (reduction of 19.781 ha). As per Van (Sanrakshan evam samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, even in case of underground roads without surface rights, the diversion of forest area involved is required and payment of compensatory levies is essential. State government may clarify that if underground road area is correctly included in the proposal	The query is related to Shahapur forest division.

This above information is submitted for further necessary action.



(Siddesh Sawardekar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
West Nashik Division

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