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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 27.846 ha. of forest land for construction of 765 KV D/C Warora-Parli Transmission Line in Pandarkawada, Yavatmal and Pusad Forest Division in Yavatmal District and Hingoli Forest Division.

No. : Desk-17/NC/I/I.D-12506 / 1021 /17-18
Nagpur - 440 001, Dated : 26/07/2017

To,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Ref:- 1. Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Government of India, Nagpur letter
No. F. No. FC-II/MH-65/2017-NGP, dated 23/6/2017. p/25

2. Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Yavatmal letters No. Desk- 10/FCA/497,
dt. 25/7/2017 p/33

Sir,

Regional Office, Government of India, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 has sought compliance on 15 points. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Yavatmal vide letter under reference No. 2 has submitted the compliance in this regard to this office. The compliance as desired by Regional Office, Nagpur vide letter dt. 23/6/2017 is submitted as under:-

Sr. No.	Points	Compliance
1	Status of proposal submitted online, as accessed on the website on 10.06.2017 at 13.20 PM, revealed that online proposal is still pending with the CF/CCF concerned. In accordance with the Guidelines issued by the MOEF&CC, New Delhi on 24.07.2014, from 15.07.2014 onwards all new proposals will be accepted through online portal only. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA) Government of Maharashtra may issue necessary instruction to ensure the compliance of instructions contained in the Guidelines dated 15.07.2017. Proposal submitted only in hard copy and not through online portal will be returned back to the State Government.	The status of proposal submitted online has now been forwarded to the Regional Office, Government of India. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-I) The same shall be uploaded on Moef website after issuance of this letter.

2	Date and Name of signing authority has not been mentioned in the Part-I of Form-A. Further, original copy of the Part-IV has not been submitted.	The Date and Name of signing authority has now been mentioned in the Part-I of Form-A alongwith, original copy of the Part-IV are enclosed herewith as (Annexure- II) P/1-5
3	Part-II of Form-A in respect of Pandharkawada Forest Division, submitted along with the proposal mentions the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion as Reserved Forests land while online Part-II mention the legal status of forest land as Reserved Forests as well as Revenue Forests. The necessary rectification in Part-II may be effected and submitted to the Regional Office.	Necessary correction has now been made in the part II submitted online and the legal status of forest land is shown as Reserved Forests enclosed herewith as (Annexure- III) P/6-8
4	The State Government in its forwarding letter, in respect of Pusad Forest Division has reported a density of below 0.4 while the DFO concerned in Part-II has reported density between 0.4 to 0.6. Density of the forest land in Pusad Forest Division may be reconfirmed by the State Government.	Necessary correction has now been made and as regard the density of forest in Pusad Forest Division is shown as 0.4 and the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure- IV) P/9-10
5	The State Government in its forwarding letter has mentioned that there are only 3407 trees of various girth classes in the area proposed for diversion while the underlying details in the proposal mention total number of project affected trees as 8,931. The State Government needs to re-confirm the total project affected trees.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Yavatmal the trees coming under Right of Way under the transmission line are 8931 out of which 3407 trees are required to be cut for the proposed project. P/11-13
6	Consolidated abstract of girth class wise trees enumeration detail in respect of all 4 forest Divisions, has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with detail of actual felling to be undertaken by the User Agency to maintain permissible clearance below each conductor.	The Consolidated abstract of girth class wise trees enumeration detail in respect of all 4 forest Divisions and the same are enclosed herewith as (Annexure- IV) P/14-93
7	The wildlife reported in the area include schedule-I species like <i>Panthera tigris</i> , <i>Panthera pardus</i> , <i>Melursus ursinus</i> , etc and other endangered species (Pg 55, 63/c), Comments of the PCCF (Wildlife) on special protection measures, if any required to be taken for the conservation and protection of the wildlife have not been submitted along with the proposal.	The proposed area is beyond 10 kms from the boundary of the Protected Area and the schedule - I species are rarely seen around the project area. Therefore separate conservation plan may not be required for wildlife. However, undertaking regarding safety measures given by User Agency is enclosed herewith as, (Annexure- V) P/94
8	Details of corresponding attributes of alternative examined viz., forest area, involved, no of trees involved, etc. vis-à-vis feasibility of project and soft copies of kml/shape files needs to be submitted by the State Government and with documentary evidences establishing that concerned authorities in the state forest department from DFO to PCCF have evaluated critically the alternate alignments explored by the User agency.	The details of corresponding attributes of alternative examined viz., forest area involved, no of trees involved, etc. vis-à-vis feasibility of project along with soft copies (CD) of kml files is enclosed herewith as (Annexure- VI) P/95 to 113

9	The State Government may direct the User Agency to re-examine the line alignment between AP 46 to AP 50; AP 30 to AP 37; AP 20 to AP 23 and AP 11 to AP 16 to explore line possibility to shift the alignment to avoid forest land in these stretches.	As per the compliance report submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Yavatmal line alignment between AP 46 to AP 50; AP 30 to AP 37; AP 20 to AP 23 and AP 11 to AP 16 have been explored and there is no possibility to shift the alignment to avoid forest land in these stretches. Copies of maps showing these alignments are enclosed herewith as (Annexure- VII) P/114-123
10	Forest patch wise area calculation statement, indicating the length and breadth, forest density has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with detail of patches which are being bifurcated from the transmission line.	The Forest patch wise area calculation statement, indicating the length and breadth, forest density is enclosed herewith as (Annexure- VIII) P/124-127
11	Examination of the Cost Benefit analysis revealed that CB ratio for another part of transmission line of the same project i.e. Gadarwara to Warora has been estimated as 1:39.83. Given the fact that both the project have similar flow of cost and benefits per unit area, the exorbitant difference (1:92.46) in the cost benefit ratio may be justified by the State Government.	The revised Cost Benefit Analysis is enclosed herewith as (Annexure- XI) P/128-129
12	Part-I submitted online mentioned the cost of project as 850 crores while Part-I submitted online mentioned the cost as 1343 crores. The same may be re-confirmed and accordingly rectified by the State Government.	The cost of the Project cost is 1343.00 Crores and the undertaking given by User Agency in this regard is enclosed herewith as (Annexure- X) P/130
13	Examination of the compliance of Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Act 2006 revealed that proceedings of the Sub-Divisional Level committee have not been submitted along with the compliance report.	The proceedings of the Sub-Divisional Level committee under Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Act 2006 are enclosed herewith as (Annexure- XII) P/131-142E
14	Details of employment potential in terms of maydays for skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons to be generated both on permanent basis (Direct and indirect) as well as temporary (Direct and indirect), also needs to be provided by the State Government.	The details of employment potential in terms of maydays for skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons to be generated both on permanent basis (Direct and indirect) as well as temporary (Direct and indirect) submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith as (Annexure- XIII) P/143-146

15	Detail of area available for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal in the clearance available under the conductor and scheme of plantation has not been provided in the proposal.	The detail of area available for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal in the clearance available under the conductor and scheme of plantation dully approved by DCFs, Yavatmal, Pusad, Pandarkawda and DFO Hingoli are enclosed herewith as (Annexure- IX)
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In view of the above, it is requested that the Government of India may kindly be moved for approval under section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act-1980, at the earliest.

Encl:- As above

(G.Sai Prakash)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer,
Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

- Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Yavatmal for information.
- Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Aurangabad for information.
- Copy to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawda/ Yavatmal/Pusad Forest Division, for information.
- Copy to DFO, Hingoli for information.
- Copy to Senior Engineer, (TLC) Powergrid Parli Transmission Ltd. for information.