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No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-12795(71)/ 795 /2021-22

Nagpur - 440 001, Date :- 18/08/2021

To,

The Deputy Director General (Central)  
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,  
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,  
New Secretariat Building,  
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

**Sub:-** Diversion of 18. 3915 ha. Forest land for in favour of Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Ltd. For construction and laying 220 KV double Circuit Transmission Line by making LILO on 220 KV Urban Apta line No.4 at tower no.30 to substation at SEZ in Tal. Uran & Panvel in Raigad, District in the State of Maharashtra.

- Ref:- 1) MoEF & CC, Government of India, Regional Office, Nagpur vide letter No.F.No.FC-II/MH-154/2021-NGP/8058, dated 30/04/201.  
2) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane vide letter No.Desk-10/FCA/CR-03/20-21/OW/126, dated 06/07/2021 & No.210, dated 10/08/2021

Sir,

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 has sought compliance on 06 points. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane vide letter under reference No. 2 has submitted the compliance of shortcoming in this regard to this office. The compliance report as desired by Government of India vide letter dt.30/04/2021 is submitted as under:-

| Sr. No. | Point   | Compliance  |
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| i       | Date of submission is not mentioned in Part-I and Part-II. Revised Part-I and Part-II mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission shall be submitted  | Revised Part-I and Part-II mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure No.I &amp; II)</b>                      |
| ii      | Discrepancy is observed in total number of trees affected, in covering letter 3439 trees has been mentioned, whereas, tree enumeration list has been submitted for 3670 trees. The discrepancy may be revisited by the State Government and tree enumeration list approved by DCF concerned shall be submitted. | There are 3439 cutting and felling of trees involved in the project. The details of complete tree enumeration list is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure No.III)</b> |
| iii     | KML file of alternative alignments examined is not submitted along with the proposal. The same shall be submitted.  | KML file of alternative alignments examined is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure No.IV)</b>   |





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| iv | <p>DCF, Alibag has mentioned in his certificate that proposed line is not included in ESZ of Karnala Bird Sanctuary, in the same certificate he has also mentioned that distance from Karnala Bird Sanctuary is 0.84 Km. As per notification of Eco-Sensitive Zone around Karnala Wildlife Sanctuary dated 22/01/2016, Eco sensitive Zone varies from 0-8 km. Therefore as per notification, the line is within Eco-sensitive Zone of Karnala Wildlife Sanctuary. Clarification for the same and necessary approval from NBWL shall be obtained and submitted by the State Government. Comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any may also be obtained and submitted by the State Government</p> | <p>The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag vide letter No. B/20/Land/700, dated 30/07/2021 has reply below:-</p> <p>The Karnala Bird Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone is finalized vide notification dated 22/01/2016. As per this notification Eco-Sensitive Zone is declared around the sanctuary is starts from 0.000 Km to 8.000 Km. In this project proposed nearest distance of line is 0.84 Km form Karnala Bird Sanctuary but at that point the ESZ boundary is less than the proposed line. The proposed line is not included in the ESZ Karnala Bird Sanctuary. In this project whole transmission line will pass outside the ESZ area of Karnala Bird Sanctuary. The Bird Sanctuary and the ESZ map is enclosed herewith in the map is clearly indicates that this proposed transmission line is outside to the ESZ of Karnala Bird Sanctuary.</p> <p>In this regard, the approval of NBWL is not required for this project. The copy of the notification dated 22/01/2016 is enclosed herewith as (Annexure No.V)</p>   |
| v  | <p>Complete compliance ensuring importance of Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Wherein, supporting documents in terms of consultation and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committees(s) is not submitted. Original FRA-2006 certificate along with English translated copies of documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolution of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha (s), Sub-Divisional Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted.</p>  | <p>Government of India vide letter No.11-43/2013-FC, dt.3/12/2018 has issued guidelines regarding compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act, 2006. As per these guidelines:-</p> <p><i>'Accordingly, it is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of Stage I condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to be concerned CF), hence for the purpose of the MoEF &amp; CC, as per the provisions under the Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the State Government for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval'.</i></p> <p>Hence, the user agency has given an undertaking regarding the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been applied and is under process and shall be submitted before in-principle approval. (Annexure No.VI)</p> |



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| vi | Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be provided by the State Government. | Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) is enclosed herewith as (Annexure No.VII) |
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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

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]* 18/8/21

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department., Mantralaya, Mumbai -32 for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane for information

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag Forest Division, Alibag for information.

Copy to the Vice President (Operation), Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Ltd., Dist. Raigad for information.