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Letter

Subject :- Proposal for diversion of 12.0225 ha. Forest land for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO M/C. Transmission Line for 400 KV Kudus Sub Station passing through Thane District in the State of Maharashtra.

No.Desk-10/FCA/CR-19/22-23/OW- 231 /2023-24
Thane - 400603, Dated : 20 /07/2023.

To,

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
and Nodal Officer, M.S. Nagpur.

- Ref. :- 1) Government of India, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter F. No. FC-II/MH-201/2022-NGP/10732, dated 08.12.2022.
2) Your office letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13056(77)/2341, dated 12.12.2022.
3) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane letter No.Desk-25/A/Survey/FCA/679, dt.10.07.2023.

Government of India, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur has raised 1 to 8 points vide Reference No.1.

Accordingly, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane has submitted the compliance of the same vide Reference No.3.

Three copies of compliance received from Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane are enclosed herewith for further necessary action.

Encl :- As stated.

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[Signature]

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(K. Pradeepa)

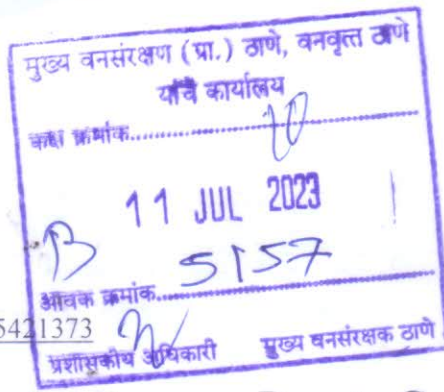
Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.

Copy forwarded to The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane for information & necessary action.

Copy forwarded to Shri. Vijay B. Aware, Executive Engineer, MSETCL, EHV Construction Division, Kalyan - 421 301 for information and necessary action.



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No.Desk -25/A/Survey/FCA/ 679 /2023-24

Date -10 /07/2023

To,

✓ Chief Conservator of Forests (T).
Thane

Sub - Diversion of 12.0225 Ha Forest Land in favour of EHV Project Division, Kalyan for Construction and laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe Wada & Kolshet Wada Tr.line for 400 KV Kudus Sub Station passing through Village Eksal, Chichavali, Kunde, & Dighashi Taluka Bhiwandi District Thane in the State of Maharashtra

- Ref -**
1. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide letter No. FC-II/MH-201/2022-NGP/10732 dated 08/12/2022
 2. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer, M.S.Nagpur vide Letter No. D-17/Nodel/Thane/ID-13056(77)/2341 Dt. 12/12/2023.
 3. Your Office vide Letter No. D-10/FCA/C.R.19/22-23/486 Dt. 13/12/2022.
 4. This office vide letter No. 25/B/Survey/FCA/4920 Dt. 14/12/2022.
 5. User Agency vide letter no. EE/EHV/PR/DN/KLN/T-256-E/No. 775 Dt. 10/04/2023.

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) accorded raise 1 to 8 quires vide Reference No. 1 for Diversion of 12.0225 Ha Forest Land in favour of EHV Project Division, Kalyan for Construction and laying of 220 KV LILO M/C Transmission Line on 220 KV Padghe Wada & Kolshet Wada Tr.line for 400 KV Kudus Sub Station passing through Village Eksal, Chichavali, Kunde, & Dighashi Taluka Bhiwandi District Thane in the State of Maharashtra.

Your Office has informed to submit the compliance report of raised quires of Government of India Vide Reference No.2 According to above letter User Agency has submitted Compliance Report vide Reference No. 5 as per given below.

Following compliance report is submitted for kind consideration-

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1.	The details report on violation of FCA, 1980 including nature and extent of violation, name of official persons responsible for violation and action taken thereof needs to be submitted.	In this regards, details of violation report attached herewith. (Annexure –I)
2.	Since Eco- Sensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified, ESZ is deemed to be 10 km., accordingly, the state government shall obtain and submit comments from the PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on any adverse impact of the proposal on the resident wildlife and mitigation measure thereof.	This point not related to Thane Forest Division.
3.	Alternative alignment has been examine only based of minimum forest area required, no other ecological parameters have been used. Accordingly, detail of Alternative examined before finalization of proposed one along with the details of corresponding attributes of Alternative examined viz. forest area involved, no. of trees involved, tree density, and distance from the PAs etc. vis-à-vis feasibility of project and soft copies of KML needs to be submitted by the state Government.	In this regards, User agency has submitted the details of alternative alignment examine and feasibility of project and soft copies of KML attached herewith. (Annexure –II)
4.	State government has mentioned in their covering letter that "Concerned DCF shall ensure that proposed land and CA land is a forest land as per relevant documents". The exact legal status of the area identified for CA and proposed for diversion need to be certified by the state Government.	We have certify that, the legal status of area proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest & Protected Forest and DCF Nanded mention in there Suitability Certificate of Compensatory Afforestation Lands legal status is Reserved Forest. Relevant Document (Copy of Form No. 1, Notification, 7/12 extract) attached herewith. (Annexure-III)
5.	Examined of Google imagery of proposed area revealed that by shifting alignment further north down to the existing highway around the hillock, a considerable forest area can be avoided. Further alignment is passing close to the Tansa and Dumdya	In this regards, We has been revisited the proposed diversion area along with project authority on Dt. 27/05/2023. (Photographs attached herewith (Annexure IV/A).

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	<p>River, however, same can be proposed diagonally through the agriculture field, which eventually will also reduce the length of the alignment. The State Government may revisit the alignment and detail report on possibility of shifting of the alignment as above need to be submitted.</p>	<p>The following points are pointed out.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The northern side of the existing road there are the school building & residential structures of Madoshi village. 2. Proposed transmission line of Adani & 400 kv. DC. Boisar-Padghe Line is passing through northern side of Madoshi village & Tansa river. 3. The project authority has also completed the construction work of the towers in private land & two towers in the forest land. 4. From the northern area of Tansa River existing 400 KV. Babhaleshwar - Kudus transmission line is passing along with Tansa river. 5. Proposed 400 kv. Kolshet Wada transmission line is enter in the premises of Kudus substation through southern side and close to Tansa river. <p>Hence considering all above parameters it is not feasible to shift the route other than proposed in the proposal.</p> <p>The detail drawing of above things for reference is attached herewith. (Annexure –IV/B)</p>
6.	<p>It has been found through the satellite imaginary that most of the forest area and Reserve Forest in particular is under encroachment and activities like agriculture, pathways and construction of permanent structure are visible. The details note on the current land use of Reserve forest and action if any taken for removal of encroachment need to be submitted.</p>	<p>Area proposed for diversion in Eksal Village is already diverted for Rehabilitation of affected villages in Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary in year 2013. Some area has been transferred to the Revenue Dept. for land distribution to landless people. So, that activity like agriculture, pathways and construction of permanent structure are visible.</p>
7.	<p>Forest patch wise area calculation statement, indicating the length and breadth, forest density has not been</p>	<p>Revised Area Statement showing Density attached herewith. (Annexure – V)</p>

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	submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with detail of forest patches which are being bifurcated from the transmission line.	
8.	Details of area available for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal in clearance available under the conductor and scheme of plantation has not been provided in the proposal, same need to be submitted.	Proposed area for diversion is already diverted for Rehabilitation of 5 villages from Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary (For Agricultural & Residential Plots) and some Forest area has been transferred to the Revenue Dept. for land distribution to landless people. Hence, The area could not be available under the conductor for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal.

As above 1 to 8 point Compliance Report submitted along with 3 Copies for information and necessary action.



(Santosh Saste)

**Deputy Conservator of Forest
Thane Forest Division Thane**

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