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No.D-10/FCA / 129 / 2026-27

Shahapur 421 601

date 24/ 04 / 2026

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.)
Thane.

Subject:- Proposal for diversion of 243.74 ha. (Shahapur division 181.45 and West Nashik diversion 62.29 ha) Forest Land for Bhavali Pumped storage Project (1500MW) Village Kothale and Kalbhonde in Tal. Shahapur Dist. Thane & Village Jamunde Tal. Igatpuri, Dist. Nashik in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022)

- Ref.:- 1) Application letter of Mr.Lalit Parab, DGM- Projects, M/S JSW Egergy PSP Two Limited. 06.3.2022
2) Letter From the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi Dated 20/04/2025.
3) Letter from APCCF & Nodel Officer, Nagpur Dated Desk -17/ FCA-S1/PID/-153240/ Thane/ 154/2025-26 dt.21.04.2026.
4) Your Office letter No Desk-10/FCA/CR-80/24-25/09/25-26, Dt.21/03/2026
5) This office letter Desk-10/FCA/ 148 /25-26, dt.23.04.2026
6) Compliance letter of Mr.Lalit Parab, DGM- Projects, M/S JSW Egergy PSP Two Limited. 23.04.2026
7) Letter From DCF, West Nashik No.Deck-3/Land/109 dated 23/04/2026.
8) Letter From CCF, Nashik No.Deck-2/Land/C.No58/2024-25/198/ dated 24/04/2026.

With reference to subject mentioned above, this is to respectively inform you that, the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi has raised 6 queries vide letter reference No.2 and APCCF & Nodel Officer, Nagpur letter reference No.3 and also CCF Thane forwarded letter reference No.4 Accordingly, reference letter No.5 has been informed that to submit the Condition wise compliance report by the User Agency.

The User Agency has submitted the point-wise compliance of the shortcomings raised by the GOI MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide letter dated 20.04.2026 to this office and the office of Deputy conservator of Forest, West Nashik accordingly letter No.6 along with necessary documents / undertakings to Deputy Conservator of Forest, West Nashik. Then they submitted that compliance report to Chief conservator of forest, Nashik by reference No.7. The office of Chief Conservator of Forest, Nashik accordingly letter No 8 along with five sets of queries compliance reports are attached for information and further necessary action.

According to EDS issued on 20 April 2026 By MoEF&CC to submitted the compliance report along with necessary documents / undertakings as follow.

Sr. No.	Observations 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 User Agency has submitted an undertaking for confirming that within 6 months Commercial Operation of Bhavali PSP, 23.122 Ha. designated Muck Dumping area will be handed over to State Forest Department post stabilizing reclaiming the muck disposal area. as <u>Annexure-1</u> .
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 User Agency has proposed an area reduction from 243.74 ha to 207.171 ha, the total area reduction is 36.569 ha. In revised area statement some component area is reduced and some component area is added. The User Agency has submitted revised component wise Breakup and Area Statement as <u>Annexure-2</u> .
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.	The User Agency uploaded component wise Revised KML file on Parivesh Portal Part-I. The User Agency has submitted revised KML File in Pen Drive /CD <u>Annexure-3</u> .
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 User Agency has updated area statement for revised proposal area of 207.171 ha. and uploaded on Parivesh Part-I. <u>Online Part-I copy is attached</u> . The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that Other related documents will be uploaded as part of Stage-I compliance as <u>Annexure-4</u> . The option to carry out the necessary corrections in Part-II is not available in this office login. Therefore, it is requested that the proposal may kindly be considered under the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as per the corrections submitted by the User Agency, and forwarded to the

		Central Government for obtaining prior approval.
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This above information four sets of EDS Proposal & Pen drive/CD are enclosed herewith for further necessary action.

Encl: - As above.


(Dipesh Malhotra)

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Shahapur Forest Division, Shahapur

Copy to:- Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur for information .

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Copy to:- Deputy Conservator of Forest, West Nashik Division, Nashik for information .

Copy to:- M/s JSW Energy PSP Two Limited, Bandra (E) ,Mumbai for information.



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No.Desk-2/Land/C.No.58/2024-25/ 19B 12026-27 Date :- 24/04/2026

LETTER

To,

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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**

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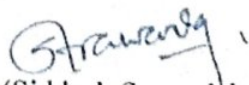
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(Authorized Signatory)



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Undertaking for Muck disposal area

We hereby undertake that, the User Agency hereby submits that within 6 months of achieving Commercial Operation of Bhavali PSP, 23.122 Ha designated Muck Dumping area will be handed over to State Forest Department post stabilizing and scientifically reclaiming the muck disposal area/sites.

We affirm that this undertaking is submitted in good faith and in compliance with the conditions prescribed for the project.

Place: NASHIK

Date: 22.04.2026

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Lalit Parab.



DGM- Projects.

Authorized Signatory,

For JSW ENERGY PSP TWO LIMITED

Bhavali PSP- Forest Land Area Reduction & Component wise Breakup

The previous component-wise break-up of the land requirement is as follows:

Sr. No.	Component	Diversion Applied Break Up (Old)			Resived Break Up (New)			Difference in Total Land (ha)
		Forest Area (ha.)	Non-Forest Area (ha.)	Total Land (ha.)	Forest Area (ha.)	Non-Forest Area (ha.)	Total Land (ha.)	
1	TRT (Underground)	4.2	0	4.200	5.397	0.000	5.397	1.197
2	Cable & Ventilation	0.084	0	0.084	0.211	0.000	0.211	0.127
3	Upper Dam & Reservoir	58.42	29.15	87.570	58.42	29.150	87.570	0.000
4	Lower Dam & Reservoir	81.1	0	81.100	81.1	0.000	81.100	0.000
5	Working Space	4.8	0	4.800	4.8	0.000	4.800	0.000
6	Pothead Yard	0	0	0.000	0.9	0.000	0.900	0.900
7	Fire Fighting Tank	0	0	0.000	0.1	0.000	0.100	0.100
8	Saddle Dam	0.11	0	0.110	0.11	0.000	0.110	0.000
9	ADIT/ MAT (Underground)	0.99	0	0.990	1.689	0.000	1.689	0.699
10	Approach Road to Upper Dam	0.77	1.93	2.700	0.77	1.930	2.700	0.000
11	Service Corridor	2.874	0	2.874	4.064	0.000	4.064	1.190
12	HRT (Underground)	6.68	0	6.680	4.764	0.000	4.764	-1.916
13	Power House (Underground)	2	0	2.000	0.954	0.000	0.954	-1.046
14	Approach Road to Lower Dam	39.162	0	39.162	19.381	0.000	19.381	-19.781
15	TRC	1.64	0	1.640	1.389	0.000	1.389	-0.251
16	Dumping Area & Job facilities -1	18.335	0	18.335	7.916	0.000	7.916	-10.419
17	Dumping Area & Job facilities -2	22.575	0	22.575	15.206	0.000	15.206	-7.369
	Total	243.74	31.08	274.820	207.171	31.08	238.251	-36.569



The revised details of the forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Purpose	Village	Tehsil	District	Survey No.	Gat No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status	Old Area (in ha.)	Difference Area in Ha.
1	Lower Dam & Reservoir	Kothale	Shahapur	Thane	40	25	9.08	Protected Forest	9.080	0.000
2	Lower Dam & Reservoir				51	24	0.6	Protected Forest	0.600	0.000
					53pt	23	35.24	Reserved Forest	35.240	0.000
3	TRC				53pt	23	1.918	Reserved Forest	1.640	0.278
4	TRT (Underground)				53pt	23	5.397	Reserved Forest	4.200	1.197
5	Approach Road				53pt	23	10.851	Reserved Forest	20.932	-10.081
6	HRT (underground)				53pt	23	2.764	Reserved Forest	4.500	-1.736
7	Power House (Underground)				53pt	23	0.954	Reserved Forest	2.000	-1.046
8	ADIT/MAT (underground)				53pt	23	1.452	Reserved Forest	0.230	1.222
9	Cable & Ventilation				53pt	23	0.211	Reserved Forest	0.084	0.127
10	Dumping Area and Job Facilities				53pt	23	15.206	Reserved Forest	27.030	-11.824
11	Service Corridor	53pt	23	2.545	Reserved Forest	2.064	0.481			
12	Lower Dam & Reservoir	Kalbhondc	Shahapur	Thane	--	62, 66/2, 66/1, 67/4, 71/1, 71/7, 71/6, 71/2, 70/3, 72/3, 72/2, 70/2, 70/1, 73/2, 72/1, 73/1, 85	36.18	Private Forest (Deemed RF)	36.180	0.000
12	ADIT/MAT (underground)				--	86	0.237	Private Forest (Deemed RF)	0.760	-0.523
13	Dumping Area and Job facilities				--	86, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 74	7.916	Private Forest (Deemed RF)	13.880	-5.964
14	Working Space				--	86, 77/1, 77/2	4.8	Private Forest (Deemed RF)	4.800	0.000
					--	68/16, 68/14, 68/12, 68/13, 68/6, 68/1, 68/3, 70/4.				

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15	Approach Road	Kalbhond e	Shahapur	Thane	--	67/3.	8.53	Private Forest (Deemed RF)	18.230	-9.700
						71/3.				
						71/5.				
						69/3.				
						70/2.				
						70/3.				
						86.				
						78/1,2,3				
						73/1.				
						76.				
						77/1.				
77/2.										
80/2										
16	Pothead Yard	Kothale	Shahapur	Thane	53pt	23	0.9	Reserved Forest	Dumping Area and Job Facilities include	0.9
17	Fire Fighting Tank	Kothale	Shahapur	Thane	53pt	23	0.1	Reserved Forest		0.1
(A) Total Forest Area (Shahapur Forest Division)							144.881		181.450	-36.569
1	Upper Dam & Reservoir	Jamunde	Igatpuri	Nashik	--	42	58.42	Reserved Forest	58.420	0.000
2	Approach Road to Upper Dam				--	42	0.77	Reserved Forest	0.770	0.000
3	HRT (Underground)				--	42	1.749	Reserved Forest	1.749	0.000
4	Saddle Dam				--	42	0.11	Reserved Forest	0.110	0.000
5	Service Corridor				--	42	1.241	Reserved Forest	1.241	0.000
(B) Total Forest Area (West Nashik Forest Division)							62.29		62.290	0.000
Grand Total (A)+(B)							207.171		243.740	-36.569



**UNDERTAKING**

(Regarding submission of revised documentation w.r.t. proposed reduction in Forest Land Diversion)

With reference to Observation No. 4 of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, letter dated 20.04.2026 regarding the submission of revised component wise KML file for the 207.171ha:

The earlier applied forest land diversion area of 243.74 Ha has been revised to 207.171 Ha, with a reduction in dumping area and project roads.

We hereby confirm that the revised area statement and updated KML file have been duly uploaded on the PARIVESH 1.0 portal. The remaining requisite documentation shall be submitted as part of the Stage-I compliance.

We further undertake that all submissions are made in good faith and in compliance with the conditions prescribed for the project.

Yours sincerely,

For JSW Energy PSP Two Limited


Lalit Parab



(Authorized Signatory)

Place: - Nashik

Date: - 23.04.2026



FORM - A

Form for seeking prior approval of Central Government under section 2 of the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 for
Diversion of fresh forest area

PART - I (To be filled up by User Agency)

A. General Details

A- 1. Project Details

(i). Proposal No. : FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022

(ii). Name of Project for which Forest Land is required : Diversion of Forest Land for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) in Thane & Nasik Districts of Maharashtra State

(iii). Short narrative of the proposal and Project/scheme for which the forest land is required : The JSW Energy PSP Two Limited, Mumbai is intending to construct a Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) in Thane & Nasik Districts of Maharashtra State in furtherance of MoU signed in between JSW Energy & Government of Maharashtra.

(iv). State : Maharashtra

(v). Category of the Proposal : Hydel

(vi). Shape of forest land proposed to be diverted : Hybrid

(vii). Estimated cost of the Project(Rupees in lacs) : 905809

(viii). Area of forest land proposed for diversion(in ha.): 243.74

(ix). Non-forest land required for this project(in ha.): 31.08

(x). Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted(in years): 99

A- 2. Details of User Agency

(i). Name : JSW ENERGY PSP TWO LIMITED

(ii). Address1 : JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai

(iii). Address2 : NIL

(iv). State : Maharashtra


(v). District : Mumbai City

(vi). Pin : 400051

- (vii). Landmark : NIL
- (viii). Email address : lalit.parab@jsw.in
- (ix). Landline Telephone No. : 0-22-
- (x). Fax No. : 0-
- (xi). Mobile No. : 9970162724
- (xii). Website (if any) : www.jsw.in
- (xiii). Legal status of User Agency : Others

A-
3. Details of Person Making Application

- (i). First Name: Lalit
- (ii). Middle Name: NIL
- (iii). Last Name: Parab
- (iv). Gender: Male
- (v). Designation: Asstt. General Manager,
- (vi). Address 1: JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East- 51
- (vii). Address 2: NIL
- (viii). State: Maharashtra
- (ix). District: Mumbai City
- (x). Tehsil: Kurla
- (xi). Pin: 400051
- (xii). Landmark: BKC
- (xiii). Email Address: bhavail.psp@jsw.in
- (xiv). Landline Telephone No.: 0-
- (xv). Fax No.: NIL
- (xvi). Mobile No.: 9970162724

(xvii). Copy of documents in support of the competence/authority of the person making this application to make application on behalf of the User Agency: 

B. Details of land required for the Project

B- Details of proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Act for
1. diversion of forest land for the Project already submitted in the past

List of proposal submitted in Past							
S.no	Proposal Status.	Proposal No.	Moef File No.	Area Proposed for Diversion(Ha.)	Area Diverted(Ha.)	Date of In-Principle Approval	Date of Final Approval
NIL							

B-
2. Details of forest land proposed to be diverted

B-2.1 Details of Divisions involved

Details of Divisions involved			
S.no	Division Name	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1.	Shahapur	181.45	0
2.	West Nashik(Nashik)	62.29	31.08
Total		243.74	31.08

B-2.2 Details of Districts involved

District wise breakup			
S.no	District Name	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1.	Thane	181.45	0
1.	Nashik	62.29	31.08
Total		243.74	31.08

B-2.3 Village wise breakup

Villages wise breakup			
S.no	Village	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1	Kalbhonde	73.85	0
2	Kothale	107.6	0
3	Jamunde	62.29	31.08
Total		243.74	31.08


B-2.4 Component wise breakup

Component wise breakup			
S.no	Component	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)


(i). Area of forest land proposed to be diverted(in ha.) : 62.29


(ii). Nature of the Project: Hybrid


(a). No. of patches : One

Patch wise details		
Patch No.	Area of Patch(in ha.)	Kml File of PatchesTo view KML file on google the same may be downloaded and then open if in google earth install in your computer.
1.	62.29	 View File


(b). No. of Segments : One

Segment wise details		
Segments	Segment Area(in ha.)	Kml File of Segments (To view KML file on google the same may be downloaded and then open if in google earth install in your computer).
1.	0	 View File

(iii). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted: 

(iv). Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed to be diverted prepared by using GPS or Total Station: 

D. Justification for locating the Project in forest land and details of alternatives examined:

(i). Copy of note containing justification for locating the Project in forest land: 

(ii). Whether a copy of map indicating location of alternative examine is required to be provided:
No

(a). Reason for not providing such map: Project is site specific.

E. Employment likely to be generated

(i). Whether the Project is likely to generate employment?: Yes

(ii). Permanent/Regular Employment(Number of persons): 750

(iii). Temporary Employment(Number of person-days): 4250


F. Displacement of People due to the Project, if any.

(i). Whether Project involves displacement?: No

G.

Details of Cost-Benefit analysis for the Project

(i). Whether the Project requires Cost-Benefit analysis?: Yes

(a). Copy of Cost-Benefit analysis: 

H. Status of Environmental Clearance

(i). Whether the Project requires Clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 ? : Yes

(a). Status of the Environmental Clearance to the Project: EC under process

(ii). Environmental Clearance File No.: J-12011/08/2022-IA.I (R)

L. Status of Wildlife Clearance


(i). Whether the Project or a part thereof is located in any Protected Area or their Eco sensitive zone? : No

J. Applicability of special provisions governing Scheduled Areas

(i). Whether the Project or a part thereof is located in a Scheduled Area? : Yes

K. Status of settlement of rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted

(i). Whether the process for settlement of Rights under the Forest Rights Acts 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted has been completed? : Yes

(a). Copy of documentry evidence in support of settlement of rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted: 

L. Details of land identified for Compensatory Afforestation


(i). Whether non-forest or Revenue forest land is required to be provided by User Agency?: Yes

(ii). Whether the area of non-forest land or Revenue forest land required to be provided by User Agency for raising Compensatory Afforestation is less than area of forest land proposed to be diverted ? : No

(iii). No. of districts Involved for raising Compensatory Afforestation: 1


(iv). No. of patches: One


District 1. : Ratnagiri
(a). Village: Chorvane
(b). Area(in ha.): 245.735


(c). Copy of KML file of the patch:  [View File](#)

(d). Khasra details: 71 to 75, 91 to 98, 101 to 104, 113, 114

(e). Present owner: Others

(f). Copy of ownership proof: 

(g). Copy of Mou/agreement executed between the Present owner and the User Agency: 

(h). Copy of non encumbrance certificate for the forest land: 


(v). Scanned copy of the map of the land identified for creation of Compensatory Afforestation prepared by using GPS or Total Station: 

(vi). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet in 1:50,000 scale indicating location of the land identified for creation of Compensatory Afforestation: 

M. Hydel/Irrigation/Multipurpose Project








(i). Installed power generation capacity of the Project(in MW): 1500

























(ii). Total command area of the Project(in ha.): 0

(a). Copy of the approval of competent authority to the Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CAT Plan): 

(b). Copy of the approved CAT plan: 

Additional information Details

Documents		
S.No	Documents	Remarks
1		Area Statement of the project
2		All Villages Map
3		Kaibhonde Village Map
4		Jamunde Village Map
5		Kothale Village Map
6		Protected Area Distance Map
7		Vegetation Density Map

8		UA Certificates
9		EDS-2 reply_Annexure 2.1 EAC members site visit Report
10		EDS-2 Reply_Annexure 2.3 Other Hydro project FC approval in Muck site
11		EDS-4 Reply_Annexure 4.1 and 4.2 Approved certificate and certified map alongwith Wildlife Conservation Plan
12		EDS-5 Reply_Annexure 5 DCF Shahpur has mentioned in particulars of the projects (point no.11) dated 02.07.2025 alongwith Guidelines 06.05.2022.
13		EDS-6 Reply_Annexure 6.1_PCCF(WL) letter dated 29.11.2024
14		EDS-6 Reply_Annexure 6.2 APCCF(WL) Mumbai letter to CWLW Nagpur dated 14.11.2024
15		EDS-6 Reply_Annexure 6.4 Revised PCCF WL approval letter 16.09.2025 for WLCP
16		EDS-6 Reply_Annexure 6.5 Certified Map mentioning the project boundary located outside the Wildlife and its ESZ approval letter 16.09.2025 for WLCP
17		EDS-6 Reply_Annexure 6.6 DFO Wildlife Nashik letter to APCCF WL Nagpur
18		EDS-7 Reply_Annexure 7 User agency Undertaking regarding not acquiring of land under Gut no. 37 to 41.
19		EDS-10 Reply_Annexure-10.1_CEA concurrence letter dated 24-09-2024
20		EDS-12 Reply_Annexure-12.1_Excerpt of National Electricity Act,2003
21		EDS-12 Reply_Annexure 12.2_Examination_and_Concurrence_of_DPR_PSP_July2024_Version_3.0
22		EDS-12 Reply_Annexure-12.3_Excerpt of National Dam Safety Act, 2001
23		EDS-14 Reply_Annexure-14.1 Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) executed with the Government of Maharashtra
24		EDS-14 Reply_Annexure-14.2 Approval granted by the Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra for Water requirement.
25		EDS-10 Reply_Annexure-10.2_the detailed study for tunnel construction has been carried out by Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR), CSIR, Bilaspur on 19.05.2025
26		In response to EDS letter issued by DCF Shahpur Dt 18.09.2025 and DCF West Nashik dt. 24.09.2025. The EDS reply is submitted.
27		EDS-2 Reply_Annexure 2.2 Approved Comprehensive Muck Management Plan and undertaking for Dumping area Non utilization for Non forest activity
28		In response to EDS letter issued by DCF Shahpur dt. 05.01.2026 The EDS reply is submitted.
29		In response to EDS letter issued by DCF Shahpur dt. 24.03.2026 The EDS reply is submitted.
30		In response to EDS letter issued by DCF Shahpur Dt 30.03.2026. The EDS reply is submitted.
31		In response to letter issued by DCF Shahpur Dt 23.04.2026.The compliance is submitted.

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दिनांक 23/04/2026

प्रति,

मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि.,
जेएसडब्ल्यू सेंटर, बांद्रा कुर्ला कॉम्प्लेक्स,
बांद्रा (पूर्व) मुंबई - 400 051.

विषय:- वनजमिन- ठाणे व नाशिक

मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि., मुंबई यांनी भावली पंप स्टोरेज प्रोजेक्टचे बांधकाम करण्यासाठी ठाणे व नाशिक जिल्ह्यातील 243.74 हे. वनजमिन वळतीकरणाबाबत.

- संदर्भ:-
1. मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि., मुंबई यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. JSWNEI/ BHAVALI/FC/-- 2023-24, दिनांक 6/03/2022
 2. केंद्र शासन, दिल्ली यांचेकडील दि.20.04.2026 रोजीचे पत्र.
 3. अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, मरा. नागपूर यांचेकडील पत्र क्र.कक्ष-17/नोडल/एस-1/पीआयडी-153240/ठाणे/154/25-26, दि.21.04.2026
 4. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. कक्ष-10/FCAJ/A-20/CR-80/24-25/09/ 26-27, दि. 21/04/2026.

विषयांकित प्रकरणी मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि., मुंबई यांनी 1500 MW भावली पंप स्टोरेज प्रोजेक्ट (PSP) करीता आवश्यक असलेल्या ठाणे जिल्ह्यातील शहापूर वनविभागाचे कार्यक्षेत्रातील मौजे कळभोंडे व मौजे कोथळे, ता. शहापूर येथील एकुण 181.45 हे.आर व नाशिक जिल्ह्यातील नाशिक पश्चिम वनविभागाचे कार्यक्षेत्रातील मौजे जामुंडे, ता. इगतपूरी येथील एकुण 94.3 हे.आर असे एकुण एकंदर 275.75 पैकी 243.74 हे.आर वनजमीनीचे वळतीकरणास केंद्र शासनाची मंजूरी मिळणेकामी वन (संवर्धन) अधिनियम, 1980 चे कलम 2 अंतर्गत सुधारीत प्रस्ताव ऑनलाईन www.forestclearance.in वर सादर केलेला असून सादर प्रस्तावाचा सांकेतांक क्रमांक [FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022](http://www.forestclearance.in) असा आहे. सादर प्रस्तावाची हार्ड कॉपी या कार्यालयास पुढील कार्यवाहीसाठी सादर केलेली होती.

त्या अनुषंगाने सादरचा प्रस्ताव तत्त्वतः मंजूरीसाठी सादर करण्यांत आलेला होता. केंद्र सरकारकडून वेळोवेळी काढण्यांत आलेल्या त्रुटीची पुर्तता करून सादर प्रस्ताव मंजूरीकामी सादर करण्यांत आलेला होता.

तथापि केंद्र शासनाकडून सादर प्रस्तावामध्ये दि.20.04.2026 रोजी त्रुटी उपस्थित करण्यांत आलेल्या आहेत. सादर त्रुटीची पुर्तता करणेकामी संदर्भ क्र.03 अन्वये अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, मरा. नागपूर यांनी प्रकल्प यंत्रणेस कळविले असून या कार्यालयास व मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे (प्रा.) यांना पृष्ठांकीत केला असून मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे (प्रा.) यांनी पुढील कार्यवाहीसाठी संदर्भ क्र.04 अन्वये या कार्यालयास सुचित केले आहे.

तरी आपणांस सुचित करण्यांत येते की , केंद्र शासनाचे दि.20.04.2026 रोजीचे पत्रामध्ये उपस्थित केलेल्या त्रुटीचा पुर्तता अहवाल नाशिक वनविभागामार्फत 5 संचामध्ये अंगलभाषेत (English) या कार्यालयास लवकरात लवकर सादर करणे, जेणे करून पुढील कार्यवाही योजणे या कार्यालयाकडून शक्य होईल.

सहपत्र- वरीलप्रमाणे.


(दीनेश शहापूर)
उप वनसंरक्षक
शहापूर वनविभाग, शहापूर

प्रतिलिपी:- मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रा.) ठाणे, मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रा.) नाशिक यांजकडे माहितीसाठी सविनय सादर.

प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक, नाशिक पश्चिम यांना माहितीसाठी व उचित कार्यवहीसाठी सन्नेह आग्रहित.

प्रतिलिपी:- सहाय्यक वनसंरक्षक (वनिकरण व वन्यजीव) शहापूर यांना माहितीसाठी व उचित कार्यवहीसाठी रवाना.

प्रतिलिपी :- वनक्षेत्रपाल, डोळ्यांक व वाशाळा थोना माहितीसाठी व उचित कार्यवहीसाठी रवाना.

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No.:Desk-17/SI/PID-153240/Thane/154 /2025-26
Nagpur - 440 001, Dated : 21/04/2026

To,

The Authorized Signatory,
JSW Energy PSP, Two Limited,
JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East) Mumbai-400051


Sub:- 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 Nasik Division 62.29 Ha) of forest land (reserved forest, protected forest and private forest) for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) in Thane & Nasik District in the State of Maharashtra (Online proposal No. FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022)-reg.

Ref:- The Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide letter No.File No.8-06/2025-FC, dated 20/04/2026.

The copy of the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter referred above is enclosed herewith for information & necessary action.

It is therefore requested to submit compliance with all relevant documents in **English** through proper channel to this office for further submission to the Ministry for consideration of the proposal for approval

Encl:- As above


(N. Jeykumaran)
Deputy Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation)

Copy to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane & Nashik for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Shahapur & West Nashik for information and necessary action


Desk-10/FCA/A-20/CR-80/24-25/ 09 /26-27
Thane- 400 603 Date - 21/04/2026

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Nashik for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur and West Nashik for information and necessary action.

Copy to ¹¹²⁴Authorized signatory, JSW Energy PSP Two Limited at JSW centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai-400 051 for information and necessary action.

Encl. :- As Stated.


(Roshan Rathod)
Divisional Forest Officer(V.), Thane
office of the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Thane.

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File No. 8-06/2025-FC
 Government of India
 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
 Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
 New Delhi- 110003
 Dated:20-04-2026

To
 The Principal Secretary (Forests)
 Government of Maharashtra
 Mumbai.

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 Nasik Division 62.29 Ha) of forest land (reserved forest, protected forest and private forest) for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) in Thane & Nasik District in the State of Maharashtra (Online proposal No. FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022)- reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Maharashtra's letter dated 10.04.2026 on the above mentioned subject and to say that after examination of the reply furnished by the State Govt., following has been observed:

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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

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submitted by the State Govt.

- vi. 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 .
2. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Digitally signed by
Deepika Chaudhary
Date: 20-04-2026
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Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Deepika Chaudhary)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Nagpur.
3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading the letter on PARIVESH portal.