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**Sub:-** Diversion of 432.6791 ha of forest land in favour of Power grid, Bramhapuri for construction of 800 KV D/C Raigarh-Pugalur Transmission Line passing through the Forest area in total 76 villages of four forest division in Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra.

No. : Desk-17/NC/I/I.D- 12610/ 1028 /18-19  
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated : 13/08/2018

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) Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Nagpur's letter FC-III/MH-30/2018-NGP/3883, dt.29/06/2018  
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli letter No. Desk 2(8)/land/705, 2018-2019 dt.1/8/2018.

Sir,

Regional Office, Government of India, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 has sought compliance on 11 points. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli vide letter under reference No. 2 has submitted the compliance in this regard to this office. The compliance as desired by Regional Office, Government of India vide letter dt. 29/06/2018 is submitted as under:-

Sr. no.	Points	Compliance
i.	The State Government in its forwarding letter has mentioned involvement of 76 villages in the proposal while detail of villages provide in the online proposal, mentions a total of 79 villages in the project. The discrepancies in the number of villages involved and forest area involved thereof may be rectified by the State Government.	The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli in his compliance report has certified that in the village list out of 79 listed, 76 are actual villages. However, some Compartment shown at sr.no. 17, 18 and 378 are part of Block Forest which do not fall under any jurisdiction of any village. Hence, there in no discrepancies in the number of villages in involved.
ii.	As per details of legal status of forest land submitted in Part -II submitted online, an area of 13.16 in Bramhapuri Forest Division has been classified into other category. Exact legal status of 'other category' needs to be intimated by the State Government.	The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli in his compliance report has certified that the forest area of 13.16 ha. comes in Wadsa Forest Division, Wadsa and not in Bramhapuri Forest Division, Bramhapuri and the legal status as per the 7/12 extract is " Big tree forest". The copy of the same is enclosed with original proposal.

iii.	<p>The State Government in its forwarding letter has mentioned felling of 47061 trees, while Part- II submitted online mentioned felling of 56610 trees. Discrepancies in total number of project affected trees may be rectified by the State Government and exact number of trees may be intimated by the State Government. Further, actual number of trees falling in the corridor of 10 meter below each conductor which will be actually felled may also be intimated by the State Government. Further, given the vegetation of 0.4 in all Forest Divisions, comments of the State Government may also be submitted why no felling of trees has been proposed in Central Chanda Forest Division and vice-versa in rest of the Divisions.</p>	<p>The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli in his compliance report has certified that during uploading of online data in Part-II, total 56610 number of trees have been erroneously entered instead of total 47061 number of trees. This discrepancy is being now corrected while re-uploading of online data in the Part -II by the concerned Forest Divisions. The list of actual number of trees falling in the corridor of 10 meter below each conductor which will be actually felled is prepared and the same is attached herewith as <b>(Annexure I)</b>. Further, he is has stated that there the proposed forest area in Central Chanda, Forest Division, Chandrapur does not involve any trees, hence no tree cutting is involved in this division.</p>
iv.	<p>Site specific CA schemes for the each Division needs to be submitted by the State Government by incorporating the provisions of appropriate protection measures as some of the CA patches in Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division were observed to be surrounded by the agricultural land and may be likely to be encroached in near future.</p>	<p>The site specific CA scheme duly approved by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests incorporating the provisions of appropriate protection measures such as Chain link fencing to protect the CA Land from being encroached in near future are enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure II)</b>.</p>
v.	<p>As per area calculation statement maximum ROW of 69 meter has been proposed for the construction of transmission line. However, it was also observed that ROW as low as 6.0 meters has also been proposed in the forest area. For instance Row of 18.0m, 47.0m, 58.0m, 29.0m, 34.0, 22.60m, and 6.0 meters in Survey no. 136, 137, 140, 176, 177, 175, 147 and 191, respectively has been proposed in forest land of Allitola village in Wadsa Forest Division. Further, no non-forest land has been reported to be involved in aforementioned survey numbers. Therefore, variation in the Row within the same survey number may be clarified by the State Government in all Forest Divisions and anomaly, if any be rectified by the State Government.</p>	<p>The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli in his compliance report has certified that though the maximum ROW of the said transmission line is of 69 meter, it is not necessary that all the survey nos (Forest &amp; non forest) occupy the complete width of 69 meters along the route and many times only a small corner of a particular survey number of forest is involved in the ROW and the corresponding Survey no. of non forest area is different. Also there are several survey no.s which involve partly along the route and the width of involvement under the corridor varies considerably. Hence, the average of the actual width crossing in the route of the transmission line has been considered in the area statement.</p>
vi.	<p>A copy of the letter containing the comments of the PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra along with its annexure, stated to be enclosed, has not been received along with the proposal. Further, as the proposed transmission line falls into the corridor of Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve and Chaprala Wildlife Sanctuary PA, the State Government may therefore, obtain comments of the NTCA in light of provisions as contained Section 38-A(g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</p>	<p>A copy of the letter containing the comments of the PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra along with its annexure is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure III)</b>. The NTCA vide letter dated 8/8/2018 has directed to route the proposal through the State Board or Wildlife, Maharashtra as wildlife clearance shall be required as per the provisions as contained Section 38-A(g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The copies of the same alongwith the undertaking for compliance of the recommendation of the NTCA by the user agency are enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure IV &amp; V)</b>.</p>
vii.	<p>Examination of the cost-benefit analysis revealed that parameters for CB analysis, as</p>	<p>The revised CB analysis, as per the provisions in the MoEF&amp;CC's guidelines dated 01.08.2017 is</p>



	provide in the MoEF & CC's guidelines dated 01.08.2017 have not been accounted for completely by the User Agency. Revised CB analysis strictly taking into consideration the parameters, as specified in the MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 01.08.2017 needs to be submitted by the State Government.	attached herewith as ( <i>Annexure VI</i> ).
viii.	Examination of the alternatives explored by the User Agency revealed that adequate details corresponding to alternative alignments explored have not been submitted. Comprehensive details of attributes of alternatives examined viz. forest area involved, no of trees involved, etc. vis-à-vis feasibility of project and soft copies of kml/shape files may be submitted by the State Government. Further, details of other transmission lines, passing through the area or in the proximity of the proposed line may also be intimated by the State Government.	The detailed feasibility report regarding finalization of Alternate Route-1, out of the three alternative routes along with the soft copy kml/shape files is attached herewith as ( <i>Annexure VII</i> ).
ix.	Complete compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of forest Rights) Act, 2006 has not been submitted by the State Government. The same needs to be submitted along with supporting documents as specified in clause (a) of Form-I annexed to the MOEF&CC's advisory dated 05.07.2013.	The complete compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of forest Rights) Act, 2006 is attached herewith as ( <i>Annexure VIII</i> ).
x.	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 provide.	The 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) submitted by the user agency is attached herewith as is attached herewith as ( <i>Annexure XI</i> ).
xi.	The State Government may obtain an undertaking from the User Agency in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines dated 05.01.2013 issued by the MoEF & CC in this regard.	An undertaking in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines dated 05.01.2013 issued by the MoEF & CC submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith as ( <i>Annexure X</i> ).

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,

**Draft Approved by**  
**Addl. P.C.C.F. & N.O. M.S. Nagpur**

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Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Wadsa, Bramhapuri, Central Chanda, Gadchiroli Forest Division, for information.

Copy to Deputy General Manager, Power Grid, Bramhapuri for information.