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To.

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madame Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 17.25 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of MSETCL, Pune for Construction of proposed 400kv DC Line from 400 KV Jejuri substation to proposed 400 kv Hinjewadi substation in Pune District in the state of Maharashtra - regarding.

Sir.

With reference to the subject matter and to inform that, the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 06/08.02.2024. The Committee examined the reply submitted by the State Government on issues flagged by the REC in its earlier meetings and as informed by the Nodal Officer (FCA) MH, the Civil Appeal no. 5454/219 made before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by the petitioner of Private Forest land under litigation is still pending. Considering said court cases the committee opined that as decided by the REC earlier and as the matter is sub-judice, the REC not in a position to reexamine the proposal for approval in the absence of any changes in the status. Also the State Government has not furnished any opinion of the law department.

After detailed deliberation, the committee advised the Nodal Officer (FCA) MH get the issue legally examined by the Government and furnish the legal opinion from the state law department for further examination of the proposal.

Accordingly, I am directed to return the proposal herewith with a request o get the issue legally examined by the Government and furnish the legal opinion from the state law department and resubmit for further examination of the same.

This issues with the approval of DDGF (C), Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(C.B. Tashildar) AIGF (Central)

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