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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 6.0760 ha of forest land in favour of MSETCL, EHV Project Division, Amravati for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar substation to 220 KV Warud substation transmission line in Taluka - Katol, District- Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Reference: The State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/CR-309/F-10 dated 03.01.2024

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and reference cited above and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee meeting held on 06/08.02.2024. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, found that the proposal involves works in violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980.

The Committee noted that under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 adopted w.e.f. 01.12.2023, vide sub rule (16) (8) (ii) r/w sub rule 10 (2) & (5), the competent authority to process such proposals is the MoEF&CC, New Delhi as it involves **ex-post facto approval for violation of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam. 1980.**

In view of the above rule position, the committee decided to return the proposal to the State Government with a request to initiate action on violators as per the provision of 3A / 3B of the Adhiniyam first and after ensuring the required action and identification of the suitable non forest area for Compensatory afforestation, the State Government may submit the proposal to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi for further examination and process under **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam. 1980.**

Accordingly, I am directed to return the proposal with a request to take necessary action as above.

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

Yours faithfully,


(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

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