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No.: Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-9859/Pune/23-24/3 190 Nagpur – 440 001, Dated: 15/02/2024

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T),

Pune

Sub:- Diversion of 17.25 ha. forest land in favour of MSETCL, Pune for construction of proposed 400 KV D/C line from 400 KV Jejuri substation to proposed 400 KV Hinjewadi substation in Pune District in the State of Maharashtra-reg.

Ref:- Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. F.No.FC-II/MH-159/2021-NGP/12877, dated 14/2/2024.

Your attention is drawn to the letter under reference. In this context, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur has directed to examine the issue legally and furnish the legal opinion from the state law department for further examination of the proposal.(copy enclosed).

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

Encl:- As above

(Naresh Zurmure)
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

- 1. Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), R&FD, Mantralaya, Mumbai for information.
- 2. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune for formation & necessary action.
- 3. Copy to the Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-II, Maharashtra Estate Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. Pune, MSETCL, Administrative Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 925 Kasba Peth, Pune-411011 for information.

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### MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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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 Honbie 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)

## Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF). Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. User Agency.
- iii. Guard file.

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