

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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F.No. FC-III/MH-47/2022-NGP 9403

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

Sub: Diversion of 44.0397 ha of Forest Land in favour of EHV Project Division, Chandrapur for laying of 132 KV DC Mul-Sicom Chandrapur Electricity Transmission Line in Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra vide letter no. FLD-2021/CR-200/F-10 dated 07.01.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 23.02.2022. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal the Committee opined that Chandrapur District inhibits both GIB and Sarus Crane, accordingly, the State Government is suggested to explore the possibility of laying underground line through ecosensitive zone to minimize the possible adverse impact on wildlife.

Accordingly, the Committee decided that proposal shall be again placed before REC after receipt of a technical feasibility report on possibility of laying underground line through eco-sensitive zone to minimize the possible adverse impact on wildlife especially for avifauna mentioned above from the State Government.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

Yours faithfully,

(Karthik M.L.)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

iii. User agency.

iv. Guard file.

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