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Date: 30.04.2021

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 18.3915 ha of forest land in favour of Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Ltd. for construction and laying of 220 KV double circuit transmission line by making LILO on 220KV Uran Apta line no. 4 at tower location no. 30 to substation at SEZ area in Taluka- Uran & Panvel, District- Raigad in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-1320/C.R.191/F-10 dated 16.03.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. Date of submission is not mentioned in Part- I and Part- II. Revised Part- I and Part- II mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission shall be submitted.
- ii. Discrepancy is observed in total number of trees affected, in covering letter 3439 trees has been mentioned, whereas, tree enumeration list has been submitted for 3670 trees. The discrepancy may be revisited by the State Government and tree enumeration list approved by DCF concerned shall be submitted.
- iii. KML file of alternative alignments examined is not submitted along with the proposal. The same shall be submitted.
- iv. DCF, Alibag has mentioned in his certificate that proposed line is not included in ESZ of Karnala Bird Sanctuary, in the same certificate he has also mentioned that distance from Karnala Bird Sanctuary is 0.84 Km. As per notification of Eco-sensitive Zone around Karnala Wildlife Sanctuary dated 22.01.2016, Eco-sensitive Zone varies from 0-8 Km. Therefore as per notification, the line is within Eco-sensitive Zone of Karnala Wildlife Sanctuary. Clarification for the same and necessary approval from NBWL shall be obtained and submitted by the State Government. Comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any may also be obtained and submitted by the State Government.
- v. Complete compliance ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with

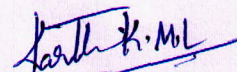
the proposal. Wherein, supporting documents in terms of consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee(s) is not submitted. Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with English translated copies of documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted.

- vi. 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 provided. The same needs to be provided by 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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