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Date: 14.06.2021

✓ To,

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

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- regarding.

Sir

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra vide letter No. FLD-1920/C.R.213/F-10 dated 25.03.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12824/(21)/664/2020-21 dated 22.10.2020 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. Consolidated single KML file of entire alignment under instant proposal, dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion has not been submitted. The same shall be submitted.
- ii. State Government has stated in its covering letter that DCF, Pune has reported that Private Forest land involved in the project i.e. 10.764 ha in Village- Man, Taluka- Mulshi, District- Pune proposed for diversion by the User Agency is under litigation and currently it is pending at Hon'ble Supreme Court. Current status of the case may be submitted.
- iii. Part- II, Site Inspection Report and all other relevant certificates pertaining to Bhore Division has been signed by Sub-Divisional Forest Officer. All documents should have been signed by DCF/ DFO of the Division. Part- II with date of submission and name of the signing authority, Site Inspection Report and all other relevant certificates pertaining to Bhore Division shall be signed by DCF/ DFO and submitted.
- iv. Examination of KML of CA land uploaded in Parivesh portal, it is observed that portion of CA land is falling in agriculture land. The same may be revisited and correct KML file of CA land may be uploaded in Parivesh portal and soft copy of KML same shall be submitted by DCF concerned.
- v. Discrepancy is observed in non-forest land involved in the proposal. In online application it is mentioned that and area of 427.0916 ha of non forest land is involved in the proposal, whereas in covering letter of State Government and also in area

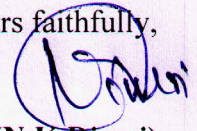
calculation statement it is mentioned that an area of 59.46 ha non-forest land is involved. Clarification in this regard shall be submitted and accordingly necessary correction in Parivesh portal may also be done and copy of the same shall be submitted.

- vi. Discrepancy is observed in number of trees proposed to be felled in the proposal, State Government has mentioned in its covering that 5832 project affected trees, whereas, in online Part- II, details of 5829 trees are provided. Discrepancy in total number of project affected trees may be rectified by State Government and Division wise detailed tree enumeration list shall be submitted.
- vii. KML file of alternative alignments examined by the User Agency is not submitted along with the proposal. Soft copy of the same shall be submitted along with Sol toposheet in suitable scale.
- viii. Cross sectional map is not submitted along with the proposal. The same shall be submitted.
- ix. Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with 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. In addition to this, English translated copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.
- x. 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,



(N K Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

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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