

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

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F.No. FC-II/MH-216/2023-NGP /11930

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.

Sir.

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2022/CR-309/F-10 dated 17.04.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-13174/1820/22-23 dated 15.10.2022 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 14.07.2023. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal the Committee decided that proposal shall again be placed before the REC after receipt of following:

- i. The detailed violation report including the nature and extent of the violation, action taken by the State Forest Department under IFA, 1927 and FCA, 1980 along with all relevant documents shall be submitted by the state government. The name of the officials responsible for the violation from the User Agency as well as the State Forest Department need to be indicated.
- ii. The State Government shall submit a detail report on why the violation has not been recorded and stopped by the State Forest Department at the time of violation, as it has been reported that violation was conducted in the year 2010 and reported in 2015-16.
- iii. User Agency shall take prior approval of the NBWL/SBWL and updated status shall be submitted.

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 DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.

Yours faithfully,

N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

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

ii. User agency.

iii. Guard file.

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