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Date: 08.08.2022

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 23.10 ha of Reserved forest land in favour of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd, Dharangaon Division, Jalgaon for erection of 33 KV Karanje Transmission Line for 33/11 KV Karanje Substation from Malapur to Karanje Village, Tal. Chopda, Dist Jalgaon in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-1720/C.R.25/F-10 dated 03.02.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide his letter No. Desk-17/NC/III/ID 12658/(30)/1695/2019-20 dated 18.01.2020 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 26.07.2022. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, the Committee decided defer the proposal for next meeting for want of following information:

- Correct KML file of area proposed for diversion is not submitted by the User Agency. Correct KML file highlighting Forest patches needs to be submitted.
- Details of alternative alignments explored using ecological parameters, justification for selecting the proposed alternative and reasons for discarding other alternatives is not submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with soft copy of KML file.
- Facts related to forest area proposed for diversion vis-a-vis project components has not been presented by the User Agency. The same has to be presented by the User Agency in next meeting.

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 (C)/ Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

- The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- User agency.
- Guard file.

- Sd.

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