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F. No. FC-II/MH-65/2017-NGP/1965

To

✓ The Secretary,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032.

Sub: Diversion of 27.846 ha of Forest land in favour of Power Grid Parli Transmission Ltd for construction of 765 KV D/C Warora-Parli Transmission Line in Pandharkawada, Yavatmal and Pusad Forest Division in Yavatmal District and Hingoli Forest Division in the State of Maharashtra – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-3217/CR-202/F-10 dated 02.06.2017 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ) of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur revealed following:

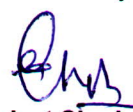
- Status of proposal submitted online, as accessed on the website on 10.06.2017 at 13.20 PM, revealed that online proposal is still pending with the CF/CCF concerned. In accordance with the Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, New Delhi on 24.07.2014, from 15.07.2014 onwards all new proposals will be accepted through online portal only. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra may issue necessary instruction to ensure the compliance of instructions contained in the Guidelines dated 15.07.2017. Proposal submitted only in hard copy and not through online portal will be returned back to the State Government.
- Date and Name of signing authority has not been mentioned in the Part-I of Form-A. Further, original copy of the Part-IV has not been submitted.
- Part-II of Form –A in respect of Pandharkawada Forest Division, submitted along with the proposal, mentions the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion as Reserved Forests land while online Part-II mention the legal status of forest land as Reserved Forests as well as Revenue Forests. The necessary rectification in Part-II may be effected and submitted to the Regional Office.
- The State Government in its forwarding letter, in respect of Pusad Forest Division has reported a density of below 0.4 while the DFO concerned in Part-II has reported density between 0.4 to 0.6. Density of the forest land in Pusad Forest Division may be re-confirmed by the State Government.
- The State Government in its forwarding letter has mentioned that there are only 3407 trees of various girth classes in the area proposed for diversion while the underlying details in the proposal mention total number of project affected trees as 8,931. The State Government needs to re-confirm the total project affected trees.
- Consolidated abstract of girth class wise tree enumeration detail, in respect of all 4 forest Divisions, has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with detail of actual felling to be undertaken by the User Agency to maintain permissible clearance below each conductor.

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- vii. The wildlife reported in the area include schedule-I species like *Panthera tigris*, *Panthera pardus*, *Melursus ursinus*, etc. and other endangered species. Comments of the PCCF (Wildlife) on special protection measures, if any required to be taken for the conservation and protection of the Wildlife have not been submitted along with the proposal.
- viii. Details of corresponding attributes of alternatives examined viz. forest area, involved, no of trees involved, etc. vis-à-vis feasibility of project and soft copies of kml/shape files needs to be submitted by the State Government and with documentary evidences establishing that concerned authorities in the State Forest Department from DFO to PCCF have evaluated critically the alternate alignments explored by the User Agency.
- ix. The State Government may direct the User Agency to re-examine the alignment between AP 46 to AP 50; AP 30 to AP 37; AP 20 to AP 23 and AP 11 to AP 16 to explore the possibility to shift the alignment to avoid forest land in these stretches.
- x. Forest patch wise area calculation statement, indicating the length and breadth, forest density has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with detail of patches which are being bifurcated from the transmission line.
- xi. Examination of the Cost Benefit analysis revealed that CB ratio for another part of transmission line of the same project i.e. Gadwara to Warora has been estimated as 1:39.83. Given the fact that both the projects have similar flow of cost and benefits per unit area, the exorbitant difference (1:92.46) in the cost benefit ratio may be justified by the State Government.
- xii. Part-I submitted online mentioned the cost of project as 850 crores while part-I submitted online mentioned the cost as 1343 crores. The same may be re-confirmed and accordingly rectified by the State Government.
- xiii. Examination of the compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 revealed that proceedings of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee(s) have not been submitted along with the compliance report.
- xiv. Details of employment potential in terms of maydays for skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons to be generated both on permanent basis (direct and indirect) as well as temporary (direct and indirect), also needs to be provided by the State Government.
- xv. Detail of area available for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal in the clearance available under the conductor and scheme of plantation has not been provided in the proposal


In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information on shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully


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Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.


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