

File No.: FC-I/MH-365/2023-NGP
Government of India
Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: As per e-sign

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Ex-post facto approval for Diversion of 0.83 ha of forest land in favour of Bilt Graphic Paper Products Ltd. (BGPPL) for laying of Water Intake Pipeline (5.497 Km length in Forest Area) from Ujani backwaters to BGPPL Unit - Bhigwan in Pune District in the State of Maharashtra. (Proposal No. FP/MH/Pipeline/48180/2020)

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD- 1923/C.R.92/F-10 dated 25.10.2023 and online application No FP/MH/Pipeline/48180/2020 received from Regional office of the Ministry on 23.6.2025 on the above mentioned subject. The proposal has been examined in the Ministry. In this context, the State Government is requested to submit the following information:-

(i) As per the DSS, the proposed forest land for diversion is located at a distance of 1.42 Km from the Great Indian Bustard Wildlife sanctuary. The State Government shall submit the comments of CWLW in this regard.

(ii) The State shall clarify whether the proposed diverted area is a part of notified ESZ or otherwise.

(iii) It is reported that the fact of existence of the Forest Land under alignment of pipeline was surfaced in the year 2019 when a fresh survey of land was carried out by the Forest Department. After that POR/FIR No.05/2019 20, dt.07.06.2019 was registered against the User Agency. A charge sheet/Complaint was filed in the court of JMFC Indapur bearing RCC No.361/2020. The Accused nos.1 to 9 were discharged on the basis of their Application. A Revision against the decision of the court of JMFC Indapur order has been proposed at Hon. Add. District and sessions Court Baramati. The state Government shall furnish the status of the ongoing Court case.

(iv) The State Government has reported that another POR/FIR No.E 1/2021 22 dt.27.04.2021 is filed against the User Agency regarding the remaining length of the pipeline. The enquiry in that respect is under progress. The state Government shall submit the updated status of enquiry report.

(v) The State in the proposal has mentioned that the work in violation is still in progress. This needs clarification. Further, the state shall examine and inform whether there is violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and if so the details of action taken shall also be submitted.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- (i). The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra,
- (ii). The Deputy DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
- (iii). The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
- (iv). User Agency;
- (v). Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.