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Date: 14th September, 2021

✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 18.3915 ha of forest land in favour of Laxmipati Balaji Supply Chain Management Ltd. for construction and laying of 220 KV double circuit transmission line by making LILO on 220KV Uran Apta line no. 4 at tower location no. 30 to substation at SEZ area in Taluka- Uran & Panvel, District- Raigad in the State of Maharashtra-regarding.

Sir

The undersigned is directed to refer to Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra's, letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-12795(71)/795/2021-22 dated 18.08.2021 forwarding compliance report on queries raised by this office vide letter of even number dated 30.04.2021 and to say that examination of said compliance report in the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. In reply to query no ii, it has been mentioned that 3439 trees are proposed for felling in the proposal, however, from google satellite imaginary it is found that major part of proposed alignment in forest area have hilly terrain. Further as per MoEF&CC advisory dated 05.05.2014; in places where adequate clearance is already available even under the maximum sag and swing of the conductors, trees shall not be cut except those minimum required to be cut for stringing of conductor. Accordingly, the exact numbers of trees out of 3439 required to be felled need to be submitted.
- ii. KML file of alternative alignments examined has been submitted and examination of same revealed that the selected alignments is proposed over the water body, however, Alternate Route R2 is proposed through agriculture land and is adjacent to proposed alignment. State Government may explore the possibility of realignment by proposing alignment AP-1 to AP-7 from Alternative Route R2 and then merge it in selected alignment from AP-6 to AP-12. A detail report may be submitted in this regard.
- iii. Due to the close proximity of proposed alignment to Karnala Wildlife Sanctuary and its Eco-sensitive Zone; comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra were desired, however, the State Government has merely submitted that the DCF concerned has mentioned that approval of NBWL is not required. It is pertinent to mention here that for of detailed examination of proposal, comments of the PCCF (Wildlife) were desired as an expert opinion on any adverse impact of proposed transmission line on local wildlife in particular avifauna and mitigation thereof. Accordingly, the State Government shall provide comments of PCCF (Wildlife) on any possible

adverse impact of proposed line on resident and migratory avifauna due to close proximity to Karnala Bird Sanctuary and Ransai Reservoir and suggest mitigation measures if required.

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)

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- 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.

- Sd.

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