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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 32.21 ha of Forest land in favour of Deputy General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., for construction of 765 KV D/C Hyderabad – Wardha Transmission Line in Pandharkawda Forest Division, Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-3216/CR-226/F-10 dated 4.08.2016 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur revealed following:

- i. The DFO in Part-II has reported that rare, endangered, threatened species are found in the area viz. tiger, panther, sloth bear, etc. Therefore, comments of the State Government on conservation measures for the wildlife in the area, if any required may be submitted.
- ii. Certificate regarding requirement of forest land as barest minimum has not been submitted by the DCF concerned.
- iii. Entries in Column no. 14 of the Part-II (submitted online) regarding CA stipulated in the District and progress made so far have not been provided by the DCF, concerned.
- iv. Differential GPS map of the area identified for raising CA has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with its Shape file. Further, examination of the Google imagery of the land identified for raising CA revealed that area is under encroachment. Further, examination down the time line showed that area was encroached by during last 6 years only. Therefore, the State Government may identify alternate CA sites for raising compensatory afforestation.
- v. Exact distance of the project location from the outer boundary of forest to ascertain how deep inside the forest area the project is proposed is generally not mentioned by the DFO in Part-II.
- vi. Examination of the report on the alternatives explored by the User Agency revealed that complete details of attributes examined for three alternatives viz. forest area involved, number of trees involved, feasibility in terms of technical and economical considerations, etc. have not been provided.
- vii. 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.

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In view of the above I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Officer for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



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1. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. User Agency.
4. DCF, Forest Division *Pandharkonda*
5. Guard File.

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