



महाराष्ट्र शासन
वनविभाग

उप वनसंरक्षक, शहापूर वनविभाग, शहापूर यांचे कार्यालय
शहापूर आसनगांव जुना आग्रा रोड ४२९६०९, शहापूर.ता.पो.मु.,
दुरध्वनी क्र.- ०२५२७- २७२०९६

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क्रमांक - कक्ष-13(3)/20/जमीन/ 1765 /2025-26

दिनांक 18/09/2025

प्रति,

मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि.,
जेएसडब्ल्यू सेंटर, बांद्रा कुर्ला कॉम्प्लेक्स,
बांद्रा (पूर्व) मुंबई - 400 051.

विषय:- वनजमिन- ठाणे व नाशिक

मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि., मुंबई यांनी भावली पंप स्टोरेज प्रोजेक्टचे बांधकाम करण्यासाठी ठाणे व नाशिक जिल्हयातील 243.74 हे. वनजमिन वळतीकरणाबाबत.

- संदर्भ:-
1. मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि., मुंबई यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. JSWNE/ BHAVALI/FC/--- 2023-24, दिनांक 6/03/2022
 2. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष-6(3)/20/जमीन/1390, दिनांक 13/2/2025.
 3. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. कक्ष-10/वंस/CR-80/24-25/13/25-26, दि. 05/05/2024.
 4. अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, मरा. नागपूर यांचेकडील पत्र क्र.कक्ष-17/नोडल/एस-1/पीआयडी-153240/ठाणे/357/25-26, दि.19.05.2025.
 5. अपर सचिव, महसूल व वनविभाग, मंत्रालय, मुंबई- 400 032, दि.04.06.2025.
 6. अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, मरा. नागपूर यांचेकडील पत्र क्र.कक्ष-17/नोडल/एस-1/पीआयडी-153240/ठाणे/543/25-26, दि.05.06.2025.
 7. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. कक्ष-10/वंस/CR-80/24-25/86/25-26, दि.10/06/2024.
 8. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष-6(3)/20/जमीन/911, दिनांक 24/06/2025
 9. आपले कडील पत्र क्र. JSW/PSP-BHAVALISITE /25-26/027, दिनांक 24/06/2025
 10. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष-6(3)/20/जमीन/388, दिनांक 02/07/2025.
 11. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. कक्ष-10/वंस/CR-80/24-25/57/25-26, दि.08/07/2025.
 12. अपर सचिव, महसूल व वनविभाग, मंत्रालय, मुंबई- 400 032, दि.04.06.2025 क्र. FLD1225/CR-101/F-10 dated 05.08.2025.
 13. केंद्र शासन, दिल्ली यांचेकडील दि.02.09.2025 रोजीचे पत्र.
 14. अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, मरा. नागपूर यांचेकडील पत्र क्र.कक्ष-17/नोडल/एस-1/पीआयडी-153240/ठाणे/322/25-26, दि.04.09.2025.

15. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. कक्ष-10/वंस/CR-80/24-25/206/25-26,
दि. 04/09/2025.

विषयांकित प्रकरणी मे. जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी पीएसपी टु लि., मुंबई यांनी 1500 MW भावली पंप स्टोरेज प्रोजेक्ट (PSP) करिता आवश्यक असलेल्या ठाणे जिल्ह्यातील शहापूर वनविभागाचे कार्यक्षेत्रातील मौजे कळभोंडे व मौजे कोथळे, ता. शहापूर येथील एकुण 181.45 हे.आर व नाशिक जिल्ह्यातील नाशिक पश्चिम वनविभागाचे कार्यक्षेत्रातील मौजे जामुंडे, ता. इगतपूरी येथील एकुण 94.3 हे.आर असे एकुण एकंदर 275.75 पैकी 243.74 हे.आर वनजमीनीचे वळतीकरणास केंद्र शासनाची मंजूरी मिळणेकामी वन (संवर्धन) अधिनियम, 1980 चे कलम 2 अंतर्गत सुधारीत प्रस्ताव ऑनलाईन www.forestclearance.in वर सादर केलेला असून सदर प्रस्तावाचा सांकेतांक क्रमांक FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022 असा आहे. सदर प्रस्तावाची हार्ड कॉपी या कार्यालयास पुढील कार्यवाहीसाठी सादर केलेली होती.

त्या अनुषंगाने सदर प्रस्ताव तयार करून तत्त्वतः मंजूरीकामी सादर करण्यांत आला होता. सदर प्रस्तावात राज्य शासनाकडून त्रुटी काढण्यांत आलेल्या असून सदर त्रुटीचा पुर्तता अहवाल प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने संदर्भ क्र.9 अन्वये या कार्यालयास सादर केला होता. सदरचा पुर्तता अहवाल मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांना संदर्भ क्र.10 अन्वये सादर केला असून मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांनी सदरचा पुर्तता अहवाल संदर्भ क्र.11 अन्वये अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, म. रा. नागपूर यांना सादर केला आहे.

प्रकरणी अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, म.रा. नागपूर यांनी सदरचा त्रुटी पुर्तता अहवाल राज्य शासनास तत्त्वतः मंजूरीकामी सादर केला आहे. राज्य शासनाने दि.05.08.2025 रोजीचे पत्रान्वये सदरचा प्रस्ताव तत्त्वतः मंजूरीकामी केंद्र शासनास सादर केला असून केंद्र शासनाने सदर प्रस्तावात 15 मुद्दयांवर संदर्भ क्र.13 अन्वये पुर्तता अहवाल मागविण्यांत आला आहे. अप्पर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, म.रा. नागपूर यांनी संदर्भ क्र.14 अन्वये सदर पुर्तता अहवाल इंग्रजीमध्ये सादर करणेकामी प्रकल्प यंत्रणेस कळविले असून त्याची एक प्रत या कार्यालयास पृष्ठांकीत करण्यांत आलेली आहे. तसेच मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, ठाणे यांनी आवश्यक कार्यवाहीकामी या कार्यालयास सूचित करण्यांत आले आहे.

तरी आपणांस सुचित करण्यांत येते की, केंद्र शासनाचे दि.02.09.2025 रोजीचे पत्रामध्ये उपस्थित केलेल्या त्रुटीची पुर्तता करून पुर्तता अहवाल 5 संचामध्ये या कार्यालयास सादर करावा. जेणेकरून प्रकरणी पुढील कार्यवाही योजणे या कार्यालयाकडून शक्य होईल.

सहपत्र- वरीलप्रमाणे.


(दीपेश भलहोत्रा)
उप वनसंरक्षक
शहापूर वनविभाग, शहापूर

प्रतिलिपी:- मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रा.) ठाणे यांजकडे माहितीसाठी सविनय सादर.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (HEAD OF FOREST FORCE),
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No.: Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID- 153240/Thane/1322/24-25
Nagpur - 440 001, Dated : 04/09/2025

To,

The Authorized Signatory,
JSW Energy PSP Two Limited,
JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East) Mumbai-400051

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 243.74 ha. (Shahapur division 181.45 ha. and West Nashik Division-62.29 ha.) Forest land for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) Village Kothale & Kalbhode in Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane & Village Jamunde, Tal. Igatpuri, Dist. Nashik in the the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022)

Ref:- the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter dated 02/09/2025

Your attention is drawn to the letters under reference. In this context, the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi has sought compliance on 15 points (copy enclosed).

It is therefore requested to obtain compliance of the shortcoming from the user agency and submit with all relevant documents in English to this office for consideration of the Ministry

Encl:- As above

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai -32 for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur & West Nashik for formation & necessary

उप वनसंरक्षक वनविभाग, शाहापूर यांचे कार्यालय कबाळे नांव :- FCA आयक क्र. 447 15 SEP 2025 उप वनसंरक्षक कार्यालय अधिष्ठाता शाहापूर वनविभाग शाहापूर

Desk-10/FCA/A-20/CR-80/24-25/206/25-26

Thane- 400 603 Date 04/09/2025

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Nashik for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur and West Nashik for information and necessary action.

Copy to Authorized signatory, JSW Energy PSP Two Limited at JSW centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai-400 051 for information and necessary action.

Back query
Encl. :- As Stated.

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(Roshan Rathod)

Divisional Forest Officer(V.), Thane
office of the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Thane.

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)
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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003
Dated: 02-09-2025

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (i) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of JSW Energy PSP Two Limited for non-forestry use of 243.74 ha. of forest land (reserved Forest, Protected Forest and Private Forest) for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) in Thane & Nasik District in the State of Maharashtra (Online proposal No. FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-1225/CR-101/F-10 dated 05.08.2025 on the proposal mentioned in above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard, after examination of the proposal in the Ministry, the following shortcomings has been observed in the proposal:

- i. The component wise breakup provided by the State Govt. vide letter dated 05.08.2025 is different from the component wise breakup uploaded in the part-1 of the application form by the project proponent. The State shall examine the matter and ensure that the correct component wise breakup is uploaded in the portal.
- ii. As per component wise breakup uploaded on the portal an area of 44.9 ha is proposed for Dumping area/job facilities 1&2 and an area of 4.8 ha is for working space which are non-site specific activities. The state shall explore and locate such facilities over non forest land.
- iii. As per DSS Analysis of the KML files provided by the State Govt., the total software calculated area in the project is 309 Ha., which includes, forest and non forest land. Further, for an area of 13.814 Ha, the details are not provided along with the KML file. Accordingly, the State Government shall provide the component wise correct KML files for the project area.
- iv. The State government has recommend the proposal with condition that

User Agency shall obtain wildlife clearance and/or ensure compliance of mitigation measures, if required or suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife). Accordingly, the State Government is requested to submit the comments of the PCCF (Wild Life)/CWLW.

- v. It has been submitted by the DFO Shahapur and West Nashik that recently the Government of Maharashtra has declared Gut. No. 42 of Village Jamunde, Teshil- Igatpuri, District- Nashik as part of Igatpuri Conservation Reserve as per notification dated 22.11.2022. The state shall intimate whether the requisite conservation reserve management committee has been formed and whether the requisite approvals as applicable have been obtained or not?
- vi. The Harishchandra Gad Wildlife Sanctuary and its ESZ is located 2.21 Kms and only 12.5 meters away respectively from the closest point on the boundary of the project. State Government shall ensure that the proposed area is actually outside the boundary of ESZ. A detailed report in this regard shall be submitted.
- vii. DFO West Nashik recommended that in the case of land that were allotted prior to 1980, lying in the project area, the user agency shall not utilize/acquire said land parcel without a separate/additional diversion proposal. However, no details of such areas has been provided. A detailed report shall be submitted in this regard. Accordingly, the State Government shall ensure that entire forest land is included in the proposal and a comprehensive proposal is submitted.
- viii. The CCF, Nashik in his recommendations recommended that a Wildlife Management and Mitigation Plan must be prepared and implemented in accordance with the guidelines and approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW), Maharashtra. State Government is requested to provide comments on the same.
- ix. The CCF Nashik further recommends that a scientifically designed Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan shall be implemented to prevent soil erosion, enhance water retention, and promote vegetative regeneration in the catchment area. However, the copy of the plan approved by the competent authority for the entire area has not been submitted.
- x. The CCF Nashik, has recommended that a detailed study regarding the suitability and safety of tunnel construction must be conducted by a national-level institute of repute, specializing in hydro-geological and tunnel engineering. State Govt. shall provide the details/comments in this regard.
- xi. State Government has mentioned in its covering letter that felling of 69100 trees is involved in the proposal. However, in online Part- II, enumeration of 1,78,677 trees in Shahapur Division and 20,704 trees in West Nashik Division has been submitted. Exact number of trees to be felled needs to be submitted along with tree enumeration list at FRL-2 and FRL-4 meters.
- xii. Further, the State Government shall provide a copy of approval of the

National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) on the recommendations made by the State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO) and submit the same as applicable.

- xiii. Since both the dams are to be constructed afresh, the justification for the site specificity of the project is required to be provided. The State shall provide the complete details including KML files, forest and non forest area involved, trees involved along with the reasons for the rejection of various alternatives.
- xiv. It has been mentioned that project is not located near any river/waterbody. The state shall give a detailed report as to how the requirement of water and electricity will be met.
- xv. The state shall provide the details of the power evacuation plan and in case additional forest land is required for the same a consolidated proposal may be submitted for the entire forest area.

2. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
SUNEET BHARDWAJ
Date: 02-09-2025
18:29:11

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

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PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

2.

DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office, at Nagpur.

3.

APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

4.

User Agency.

5.

Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.