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To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Goa,
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Subject: Diversion of 28.24 ha. of forest land for construction of Xeldem to Xeldem (Existing) 220 KV HTLS/DC Transmission Line under North and South Goa Division (North Goa 5.08 ha + South Goa 23.16 ha) in favour of M/s. Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Ltd. - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the Dy. Conservator of Forests, Monitoring & Evaluation, Forest Department, Government of Goa's letter No.6-888-2019-20-FD/4210 dated 29/11/2019 and 18/04/2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 4A of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 in its meeting held on 24/04/2020.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys the in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) for the diversion of 28.24 ha. of forest land for construction of Xeldem to Xeldem (Existing) 220 KV HTLS/DC Transmission Line under North and South Goa Division (North Goa 5.08 ha + South Goa 23.16 ha) in favour of M/s. Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Ltd. subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the cost of User Agency.
3. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation in double the extent of degraded forest land in Karwar Taluk (Karwar, Gopshitta and Ankola range), Uttara Kannada District shall be realized from the User Agency.
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 28.24 ha. from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

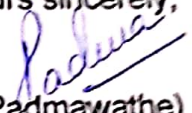
5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred /deposited to CAMPA fund only through (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
7. Trees to be felled shall not exceed 35% of the trees enumerated. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
8. The User Agency will comply with all the conditions/mitigation measures imposed by the NBWL/ Chief Wildlife Warden in respect of the portion of the transmission line passing through Eco Sensitive Zone of Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
9. If any forest land is required in respect of this transmission line in Karnataka State, no *fait accompli* situation shall be cited by user agency later. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
10. Suitable eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of transmission lines on wildlife, especially birds, need to be taken up as per the guidelines of Wildlife Institute of India to reduce the risk of collision and electrocution in consultation with the State Forest Department.
11. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 and 19/11/2014.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
15. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 28.24 ha.
16. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
17. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
18. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
19. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order &

Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. The forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

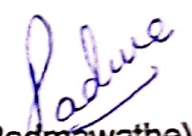
Yours sincerely,


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