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सेवा में,

प्रधान सचिव

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग

बिहार सरकार, सिंचाई भवन, सचिवालय

पटना – 800015.

विषय :- गया जिलान्तर्गत 400 KV D/C नार्थ कर्णपुरा-गया लाइन का निर्माण हेतु वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के तहत **5.4370 हे०** वन-भूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव पर अंतिम (स्टेज-II) स्वीकृति के संबंध में।

महाशय,

I am directed to refer to the State Govt. letter No. Van Bhumi-57/2021-388(E)/Pa.Va.Ja.Pa. dated 14.06.2021, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 5.4370 ha forest land in favour of North Karanpura Transco Limited for construction of 400 KV D/C North Karanpura to Gaya transmission line under Gaya Forest Division in Gaya district of Bihar, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, '**in-principle**' approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land was accorded vide this office letter of even number dated 02.09.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested to grant final approval.

In this connection, on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Bihar vide their letter No. Van Bhumi-57/2021-19(E)/Pa.Va.Ja.Pa. dated 09.01.2024, **final approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.4370 ha forest land in favour of North Karanpura Transco Limited for construction of 400 KV D/C North Karanpura to Gaya transmission line under Gaya Forest Division in Gaya district of Bihar, subject to the following conditions and stipulations:-

1. प्रत्यावर्तित वन भूमि का वैधानिक स्थिति यथावत रहेगा। (Legal status of forest land diverted shall remain unchanged).
2. **Compensatory afforestation:** Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 11 ha. degraded forest land (Site- Bela PF, Range – Barachatti, Compartment No. 70 under Gaya Forest Division) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

3. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by the way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
4. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department. Further, in view of the State Government's recommendation, such number of trees whose removal is unavoidable, and whose translocation (species, number and girth to be decided by SFD) is practicable, will be translocated to the extent possible at the cost of user agency.
5. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
6. Width of Right of Way for the Transmission Line shall be limited to 46 m.
7. To minimize the felling of trees for construction of Transmission Line, User Agency shall comply with the following guidelines:
  - (a) The normal width clearance below each conductor or conductor bundle will be 3 m only. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
  - (b) Outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the Transmission Line.
  - (c) In the remaining width of Right of Way felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local Forest Officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. Trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 2.8 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The maximum sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above.
  - (d) The Scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species in Right of Way under the Transmission Line, as prepared by the State Forest Department shall be implemented from the funds provided by the User Agency and a scheme for this shall be submitted.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activities do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna.
9. The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
10. The layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
11. a) The diverted forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
  - b) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life/requirement.

c) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

12. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time in force, as applicable to the project.
13. 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 dt 29/01/2018.
14. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.

As has been mentioned at Para-2 of the Stage-II approval, this approval for diversion of forest land is subject to the fulfillment of stipulated conditions mentioned in this approval letter. Therefore, in the event of non-compliance of any of the conditions laid out in this approval letter, the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may withdraw the said approval for diversion of the forest land and stop the non-forest activity being carried out in the forest land besides initiating the legal action as per provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

आपका विश्वासभाजन,

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प्रतिलिपि:-

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