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F. No. FC-II/CH-59/2017-NGP /3773

Dated: 2nd June, 2018

To

Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,
New Raipur (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 10.0555 ha of Revenue Forest land and Protected Forest land in favour M/s Warora Transmission Limited for construction of Raipur – Rajnadgaon-Warora 765 KV/DC Transmission line in Rajnadgaon District in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-13/2017/10-2 dated 29.03.2017 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. Bhu-Prabandh/Vidyut/479-143/1720 dated 24.05.2017 forwarding additional information as desired by the Regional Office vide its letters of even number dated 26.04.2017. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government 'in-principle' approval was accorded vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 7.07.2017 subject to fulfilment to certain conditions prescribed therein. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval and requested to consider the proposal for grant of final approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In this connection, I am further directed to inform that based on the compliance report submitted by the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, vide his letter no. Bhu-Prabandh/Vidyut/479-143/1008 dated 31.03.2018 and letter no. Bhu-Prabandh/Vidyut/479-143/1597 dated 25.05.2018, the Central Government hereby accords final approval under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 10.0555 ha of Revenue Forest land and Protected Forest land in favour M/s Warora Transmission Limited for construction of Raipur – Rajnadgaon-Warora 765 KV/DC Transmission line in Rajnadgaon District in the State of Chhattisgarh subject to following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds already provided by the User Agency;
- (iii) The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, latest within a period of six months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant sections of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within the stipulated period to the Central Government for information and record;

- (iv) Compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, shall be raised by the State Forest Department in accordance with the CA scheme. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- (v) The State Government has realized Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard. The NPV, if any becomes due in future, shall be realized by the State Government, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (vi) The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (vii) All compensatory levies, if any realized from the User Agency in future, under the project shall be transferred through e-challan to Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Agency (CAMPA) account pertaining to the State concerned;
- (viii) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (ix) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (x) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (xi) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- (xii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (xiii) The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
- (xiv) The User agency, if required, shall undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department;
- (xv) Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 67 meters;
- (xvi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xvii) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xviii) The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
- (xix) Felling of trees shall be restricted to 317 trees only. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xx) To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the following guidelines:
 - (a) Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 meters would be permitted for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
 - (b) One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line;
 - (c) In the remaining width the 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



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clearance, trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 9.0 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above;

- (d) User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall implement approved scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line, from funds already provided for the purpose; and
- (e) In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
- (xxi) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- (xxii) The State Government shall ensure that settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, has been completed in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC in this regard;
- (xxiii) The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;
- (xxiv) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year;
- (xxv) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- (xxvi) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

Yours faithfully,



(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'C'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Director, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.



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छत्तीसगढ़ शासन

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रायपुर, दिनांक /07/2018

प्रति,

प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक

छत्तीसगढ़, रायपुर।

विषय:- Diversion of 10.0555 ha of Revenue Forest land and Protected Forest land in favour of M/s Warora Transmission Limited for construction of Raipur - Rajnandgaon - Warora 765 KV/DC Transmission line in Rajnandgaon District in the State of Chhattisgarh.

संदर्भ:- भारत सरकार पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय नागपुर का पत्र क्रमांक FC-II/CH-59/2017-NGP/3773, दिनांक 02.06.2018।

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विषयांतर्गत भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नागपुर के पत्र क्रमांक FC-II/CH-59/2017-NGP/3773, दिनांक 02.06.2018। (छायाप्रति संलग्न) के माध्यम से राजनांदगांव जिले अंतर्गत कुल 10.0555 हे. राजस्व वन भूमि एवं संरक्षित वन भूमि में Raipur - Rajnandgaon - Warora 765 KV/DC पारेषण लाईन निर्माण संबंधी गैर वानिकी कार्य हेतु M/s Warora Transmission Limited को वन संरक्षण अधिनियम 1980 की धारा-2 के अंतर्गत प्रदान की गई है।

2/- भारत सरकार द्वारा उपरोक्त अनुमति में अधिरोपित निम्न शर्तों के पालन करने की शर्त पर राज्य शासन एतद् द्वारा उपरोक्त वर्णित राजनांदगांव जिले अंतर्गत कुल 10.0555 हे. राजस्व वन भूमि एवं संरक्षित वन भूमि को M/s Warora Transmission Limited को Raipur - Rajnandgaon - Warora 765 KV/DC पारेषण लाईन निर्माण संबंधी गैर वानिकी कार्य हेतु उपयोग की अनुमति प्रदान करता है :-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Compensatory afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised and maintained by the Nodal officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 Chhattisgarh from the funds already provided by the User Agency;
3. The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department shall be notified by the Nodal officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 Chhattisgarh as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, latest within a period of six months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant sections of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within the stipulated period to the Central Government for information and record;
4. Compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, shall be raised by the State Forest Department in accordance with the CA scheme. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years ;
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7. All compensatory levies, if any realized from the User Agency in future, under the project shall be transferred through e-challan to Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Agency (CAMPA) account pertaining to the Chhattisgarh State;

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8. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
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10. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
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15. Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 67meters;
16. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
17. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
18. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
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 - (e) In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
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- 23. The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office Nagpur as well as to the Nodal officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 Chhattisgarh;
- 24. The Nodal officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 Chhattisgarh shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year;
- 25. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office Nagpur may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- 26. The User Agency and the Nodal officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 Chhattisgarh shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

The Nodal Officer Forest Conservation Act 1980 shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

संलग्न :- उपरोक्तानुसार ।

छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल के नाम से
तथा आदेशानुसार

(एम.एन.राजूरकर)

अवर सचिव,

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन वन विभाग

पृष्ठांकमांक एफ 5-13/2017/10-2
प्रतिलिपि :-

रायपुर, दिनांक 06/07/2018

- 1.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (क्षे0), भारत सरकार,पर्यावरण वन तथा जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, ग्राऊंड फ्लोर (ईस्टर्न विंग), न्यू सेक्रेटेरियट बिल्डिंग, व्ही.सी.ए. स्टेडियम के सामने सिविल लाईन, नागपुर (महाराष्ट्र) की ओर सूचनार्थ अग्रेषित ।
 - 2.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध) नोडल अधिकारी, वन संरक्षण अधिनियम 1980 छत्तीसगढ़,
 - 3.मुख्य वन संरक्षक, दुर्ग वृत्त दुर्ग, छत्तीसगढ़ ।
 - 4.वनमंडलाधिकारी राजनांदगांव, वनमंडल राजनांदगांव, छत्तीसगढ़ ।
 - 5.आवेदनकर्ता निदेशक रायपुर - राजनांदगांव - वरोरा ट्रांसमिशन लिमिटेड, सी - 105, संभव बिल्डिंग, जजेस बंगलो रोड बोड़कदेव अहमदाबाद गुजरात ।
- की ओर सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु अग्रेषित ;


अवर सचिव,

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन वन विभाग