



भारत सरकार/Government of India
पर्यावरण वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
उप कार्यालय (क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, चेन्नई)/ Sub Office (Regional Office, Chennai)
Aranya Bhavan, 6th floor, Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana
E-mail: iro.hyderabad-mefcc@gov.in
Tel: 040- 29390053

Date:

To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: Diversion of 1.9716 Ha (revised from 2.293 Ha) of forest land in Shamshabad division for Erection of 132KV DC/SC overhead line from 220/132 KV Fabcity to proposed 132/33 KV Kandukur Substation in favour of Executive Engineer, Const, Metro-East, Mint Compound, TSTRANSCO- reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's Letter No.4396-For.I(1)/2022 dated 25.08.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/TRANS/144135/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's **In-principle Approval (Stage-1)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the Diversion of 1.9716 Ha (revised from 2.293 Ha) of forest land in Shamshabad division for erection of 132KV DC/SC overhead line from 220/132 KV Fabcity to proposed 132/33 KV Kandukur Substation in favour of Executive Engineer, Const, Metro-East, Mint Compound, TSTRANSCO subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The DFO/FDO concerned shall ensure that no violation of the F(C) Act, 1980 takes place in the proposed forest area.
3. The forest land shall not be handed over to the user agency till the final approval/ working Permission is accorded for diversion by the competent authority.
4. **Compensatory afforestation**
 - A. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the **identified** degraded forest land in 3.943 ha in Compt No.199 of Malkaram RF of Ganganpahad Beat of Shamshabad Range of Ranga Reddy District which is double the extent of the area proposed for diversion

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.

- B. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per the compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in the designated CAMPA account. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provisions for anticipated cost increases for works scheduled for subsequent years.

5. Net Present Value:

- A. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 1.9716 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006- FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
 - B. The additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. The width of the right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 27 m.
 7. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearance to prevent the electrocution of wild animals.
 8. No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for the transportation of steel and other materials required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path.
 9. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to a minimum number in the diverted forest land and wherever necessary, the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency and the forest produce so accrued shall be taken into government account as per the prevailing norms of the state government by the State Forest Department.
 10. To minimize the felling for the construction of the transmission line, the user agency shall comply with the following guidelines:

- A. Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 mts. would be permitted for carrying out 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/ suitable short growing species may be planted.
 - 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 clearance, trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 4.0 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 prepares a detailed scheme for the creation and maintenance of the plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line, and provides funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department; 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;
11. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to the CAMPA fund only through **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 12. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of a prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
 13. **The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.**
 14. **The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by the Ministry.**
 15. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 16. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
 17. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 18. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 19. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.

20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to a violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
21. 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 forests & wildlife.
22. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This *In-Principle* approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this *In-Principle* approval shall automatically stand revoked after 2 years. **The user agency shall not execute the work in forest land proposed to be diverted till the final approval is accorded to the proposal by the Central Government.**

Yours faithfully

Shri. Kailash Bhimrao Bhawar, IFS
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to: -

1. The IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CEO, CAMPA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
5. O/o Chief Engineer, Metro zone, TSTRANSCO, Erragadda, Hyderabad – 500045
email: eetlcrmhdy@gmail.com
6. Guard file