

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force)(FAC), Andhra Pradesh,
"Aranya Bhavan", K.M. Munshi Road,
Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.

To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forest, Science
and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc..no. EFS02-15035-11-2018 –FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 16.10.2019.

Sir,

Sub: - APFD – F(C)Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 24. 204 Ha of forest land in Kadapa (18.377Ha) & Anantapur (5.827 Ha) Divisions for construction of 400 KV Double Circuit Kadapa – Hindupur Power Transmission line – In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded- Condition-wise compliance report submitted - Reg.,

- Ref:-
1. Gol, MoEF &CC, RO, Chennai F.no. 4-APC027/2016-CHN/0249, dated: 17-02-2017.
 2. PCCF's Rc. no. 21357/2015/FCA-3, dated: 23.02.2017.
 3. APCCF /CF, Kurnool Rc. no. 3695/2015-TO, dated: 28.03.2019.
 4. CF, Ananthapur Rc. no. 1249/2016/TO, dated: 27.07.2019.

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It is to submit that, the Government of India in the reference 1st cited have accorded Stage-I approval for diversion of 24.204 ha. of forest land in Kadapa (18.377 ha.) & Anantapur (5.827 ha.) Divisions for construction of 400 KV Double Circuit Kadapa – Hindupur Power Transmission line with certain conditions stipulated therein and requested to furnish the compliance report for according final (Stage –II) approval for the project.

Accordingly, the Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests /Conservator of Forests, Kurnool and Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu in the references 3rd & 4th cited have submitted the condition-wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India.

The condition wise compliance report is as follows.

Sl.no	Condition stipulated by Gol, Ir., dated : 17.02.2017	Compliance on condition
i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of forest land diverted will be unchanged. The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed)
ii)	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the user agency in consultation with the Divisional Forest Officer concerned at the project cost before the Stage –II approval.	<u>Ananthapuramu Division:</u> The user agency has demarcated the proposed forest land with 4 feet high pillars duly numbered at 20 Meters interval. Totally 130 pillars were constructed along the electrical line from Nuthanakalva (V) to Kasilollapalli. Out of 130 pillars, 94 Cement concrete pillars were constructed on both sides of the electrical line @ 47 numbers on each side. The balance 17 stone monoliths on the right side and 19 stone monoliths on the left side were erected where the cement concrete pillars are not possible.

		<u>Kadapa Division</u> The user agency has demarcated the proposed forest land with 4 feet high pillars with duly numbered at 20 Meters interval
iii)	The cost of raising of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 51.81 Ha of degraded forest in Compt. No. 693 of Palakonda and Vongimalla RF in Rayachoty Range of Kadapa Division, shall be realized from the user agency.	: <u>Kadapa Division</u> The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 295.323 lakhs for raising Compensatory Afforestation through e-payment mode i.e. Challan generated through the ministry's website portal (Copy enclosed).
iv)	Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	: <u>Kadapa Division</u> Instructions are noted
v)	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 24.204 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.	: The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 1,79,83,702 /- towards NPV amount into Adhoc CAMPA through e-payment mode i.e. Challan generated through the Ministry's website portal (Copy enclosed)
vi)	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.	: The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
vii)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	: The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
viii)	Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & Staff engaged in execution of work and pilgrims visiting the temple do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna	: The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
ix)	Trees standing in the diverted area shall be felled strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officers concerned.	: The user agency has furnished an undertaking stating that the trees standing in the diverted area shall be felled strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officers concerned (Copy enclosed).

x)	Removal of Red Sanders trees from the forest area proposed for diversions shall be done as per the Rules, Guidelines and procedure in vogue.	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xi)	State Forest Department shall raise and maintain sufficient numbers of Red Sanders saplings in the proposed CA land as proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division	:	The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa has stated that, Instructions will be followed scrupulously.
xii)	Felling and collection cost of Red Sanders trees to be removed shall be collected from the user agency	:	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 0.330 lakhs into Ad-hoc CAMPA through e- payment mode i.e. Challan generated in the Ministry's website portal
xiii)	The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of user agency	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xiv)	Cost of raising plantation of dwarf species preferable medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line shall be realized from the user agency.	:	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 78,70,900/- into Adhoc -CAMPA towards cost of raising plantation of dwarf species preferable medicinal plants in the Right of Way through e-payment mode i.e. Challan generated in the Ministry's website portal (Copy enclosed).
xv)	The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. The user agency shall compulsorily deposit the NPV and other levies, only by generating challan through the ministry's website.	:	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 5,53,86,902 /- (i.e. Rs. 2,95,32,300/- towards CA + Rs. 1,79,83,702/- towards NPV + Rs. 78,70,900/- towards Dwarf species and felling and collection cost of Red Sanders trees to be removed) into Adhoc- CAMPA through e- payment mode i.e. Challan generated in the Ministry's website portal (Copy enclosed).
xvi)	User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of the Divisional Forest Officers, Ananthapuramu and Kadapa. User agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xvii)	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred/sublet to any other any, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed).

xviii)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 24.204 Ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xix)	The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to ministry's guidelines F.No. 7-25/2012-FC, Dt. 5 th May 2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the ministry for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xx)	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) of Regional office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxi)	The progress of the compensatory afforestation as mentioned by the Divisional Forest Officers Part -II of the proposals shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal	:	The instructions will be followed scrupulously by Conservator of Forests, Kurnool.
xxii)	In the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.	:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed)

The compliance report in (2) sets is submitted herewith.

The Government are requested to forward the same to the Government of India, MoEF &CC, RO, Chennai for according final (Stage -II) approval of the said project at the earliest.

Encl.:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- N. Prateep Kumar,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests /Conservator of Forests, Kurnool and Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu for information and necessary action.

Copy to Divisional Forest Officers, Ananthapuramu and Kadapa for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy General Manager, C.A.O. No. 1/1160-C, Shivalayam Street, Near College Circle, Kadiri - 515591 for information and necessary action.

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Superintendent

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER :: ANANTHAPURAM

**Present: Sri A.Chandrasekhar, SFS.,
Divisional Forest Officer.**

Rc. No. 960/2015/TO.

dated: 04.04.2017.

Sub:- APFD – F (C)Act, 1980 – Diversion of 24.204 Ha. of forest land in Kadapa (18.377 Ha.) & Ananthapuramu (5.827 Ha.) Divisions for construction of 400 KV Double Circuit Kadapa – Hindupur Power Transmission line – Stage – I approval accorded – Request for commencement of excavation of work – Permission accorded – Reg.

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2. Prl.CCF., AP., Guntur Rc.No.21357/2015/FCA-3, dated 23.02.2017.
3. Rept. Of DGM, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Kadiri Ref.No.SRTS-1/Engg. ESMD/2017, dated 14.03.2017.
4. Prl.CCF., AP., Guntur Rc.No.21357/2015/FCA-3, dated 23.02.2017.
5. CCF., Ananthapuramu Rc.No.1249/2016/TO, dated 03.04.2017.

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It is informed that the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has issued instructions to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram to accord permission to the user agency for tree cutting and commencement of the work, subject to the certain conditions vide reference 4th cited. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram has communicated the same to this office vide reference 5th cited.

In view of the above, permission is hereby accorded to the user agency i.e., Deputy General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Kadiri for commencement of the work subject to the following conditions.

1. Deputy General Manager, Kadiri shall carry out works proposed in the proposal.
2. The Deputy General Manager, Kadiri has to pay the amount towards extraction of tree growth as per the scheme prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu and follow the existing procedure.
3. The Works shall be carried out under the supervision of the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu.
4. The works should be carried out without any scope for violations under various rules & guidelines envisaged under F(C) Act, 1980.
5. Publish the Stage-I clearance granted and the orders issued for felling of trees in verbatim along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central Government/ Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests in two widely circulated daily newspapers one in vernacular language and the other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the Project Proponent for use of forest land for non-forest purposes.
6. The copies of the Forest Clearance should also be submitted to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies by the project proponents in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days.
7. Any other conditions imposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram/ Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu during execution of work in the interest of protection of Forest shall be carried out at the project cost.
- i. The legal status of the Forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The total Forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.827 Ha. and it should be used for only for the purpose for which it is diverted.
- iii. The user agency shall ensure that there shall be no damage to the flora and fauna in the area.
- iv. The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

- v. The alignment of Electrical line shown in the plan should not be deviated.
- vi. No labour camps shall be established in the Forest land.
- vii. The labourers so engaged for execution of Electrical works should not indulge the forest.
- viii. No structures shall be constructed in the Forest land.
- ix. The Power Grid authorities should extinguish the forest fire with the help of labourers near by the work spot, occurred if any.
- x. The Power Grid authorities shall fell the tree growth in the Forest area diverted before commencement of work in the presence of Forest Range Officer concerned and stock it at convenient places and handover the same to the Forest Department. The Forest Produce so taken charge from the Power Grid authorities will be sold it in public auction.
- xi. If there are any changes in the alignment of the proposed electric line , it should immediately be brought to the notice of the Divisional Forest Officer along with revised plan and no construction should be taken up till it is approved by the competent authority.
- xii. The work should be carried out from 6 AM to 6 PM only.
- xiii. A responsible Officer should be present at the work spot for explaining the progress of works during the visits of Forest Department officials.
8. Other conditions specified in the MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi F.No.11-306/2014-FC, dated 28.08.2015 shall also be complied with by the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu & User Agency with which they are concerned.

The User Agency is requested to report the actual date of commencement of Electrical line work and probable date of completion in the diverted forest land to the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu as well as Forest Range Officer, Kadiri without fail.

04/04/19
Divisional Forest Officer,
Ananthapuramu.

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Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Kadiri. He is requested to inform the subordinates concerned about the permission accorded. He should also instruct to watch the work and the conditions laid down in the proceedings by himself and his subordinates. The date of commencement of the work should be promptly reported to this office. He should also report the quantity of the following produce obtained after completion of the felling by the user agency in the presence of Forest Range Officer. He should submit report about area allowed to for construction of 400 KV Double Circuit, Kadapa-Hindupur Transmission line with a surveyed sketch.

1. Fire wood (in cmt.)
2. Timber (in Cmt.)
3. No. of Poles/ Logs.

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Proceedings

Present :- **Smt.G.A.P.Prasuna, SFS,**
Divisional Forest Officer (FAC),
Kadapa

Rc.No.1225/2015/A8, Dated: 17.04.2017

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5. Prl. CCF., A.P., Guntur Rc.No.21357/2015/FCA-3, dt. 22.03.2017
6. CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool Rc.No.3695/2015/TO, Dt.28.03.2017.

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