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Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
 Government of Goa,  
 Secretariat Annexe, Secretariat,  
 Porvorim, Goa -403 521.

**Subject:** Proposal for Diversion of 0.854 ha. of forest land for Renovation of existing 110 KV Supa I & II EHV lines and commissioning of new 110 KV D/C Tower Line from Mollem to Kulem for releasing 6000 KVS Power Supply to South Western Railway in North Goa Division and District in favour of Electricity Department, Curti, Ponda, Goa - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Goa vide letter No.6-935-2022-23/FD/3032 dated 11/10/2022, letter No.6-935-2022-23/FD/3716 dated 23/11/2022 received from Deputy Conservator of Forest (M&E) Goa Forest Department seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022. The State Government vide letter 6-935-2022-23/FD/5355 dated 01/03/2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.854 ha.** of forest land for renovation of existing 110 KV Supa I & II EHV lines and commissioning of new 110 KV D/C Tower Line from Mollem to Kulem for releasing 6000 KVS Power Supply to South Western Railway in North Goa Division and District in favour of Electricity Department, Curti, Ponda, Goa, subject to the following conditions:-

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**A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to issue of final approval by State Government and handing over of forest land to User Agency:**

1. The conditions required to be adhered under Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
2. The KML file of the forest area diverted and CA plantation (ten times no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

**B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government:**

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The 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 User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated Adhoc CAMPA Account.
4. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
5. 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.
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the State Government.
7. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
8. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.854 ha.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be leased /mortgaged / transferred or hypothecated to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
11. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
13. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
14. The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.





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15. 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.
16. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
17. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all 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.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Office of the PCCF, Goa Van Bhawan, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Altinho, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
4. The Executive Engineer, Office of the Executive Engineer, Electricity Department, Division-III, Curti, Ponda, Goa - 403 401.
5. Guard file.

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

9/3/2023