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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,  
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,  
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,  
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 4.645 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy.No. 88 (2.97 ha), Goravinakallu village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying of 66 KV DC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 Kms (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Chitradurga - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 75 FLL 2020 (e) dated 25/11/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 75 FLL 2020 (e) 03.03.2023 has 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 **4.645 ha.** of forest land in Sy.No. 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy.No. 88 (2.97 ha), Goravinakallu village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying of 66 KV DC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 Kms (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Chitradurga, subject to the following conditions:-

**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 State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area being diverted and CA area 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. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 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, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over double the degraded forest land identified in Sy.No. 1, Kudrekanive village, Srirampura Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District, within

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three years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified degraded forest land within three years of grant of final approval.

4. Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line shall be carried out by State Forest Department at the cost of user agency, as per the scheme prepared.
5. 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 CAMPA Account.
6. The user agency shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
7. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
8. The User agency shall strictly comply with guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012 –FC dated 5/5/2014 and 19/11/2014 for laying of transmission lines through forest areas.
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
11. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
12. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
13. No additional or new permanent paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
15. 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.
16. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.645 ha.
17. 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.
18. 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; and
19. 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.
20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.2.1 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.
21. 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)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Major Works Division, No. 9584, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cross (East), JCR Circle, Chitradurga -577 501.
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