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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 0.8955 ha. of forest land in Ankasandra State Forest (Sy.No. 16 & 17 of Kurubarahalli village and Sy.No. 19 of Thalekoppa village) in Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District for laying of 66 KV underground cable (transmission line) for 20 MW Solar plant at Talekoppa village, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District in favour of M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd., Bengaluru - Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 01 FLL 2018 dated 29/01/2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle **(Stage-I)** for diversion of 0.8955 ha. of forest land in Ankasandra State Forest (Sy.No. 16 & 17 of Kurubarahalli village and Sy.No. 19 of Thalekoppa village) in Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District for laying of 66 KV underground cable (transmission line) for 20 MW Solar plant at Talekoppa village, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District in favour of M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the common boundary of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency, before Stage-II approval.
3. The cost of raising plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be realised from the user agency. The Karnataka Forest Department will raise the plantation preferably near the project site by planting tall seedlings and maintain the same at least for five years.
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.8955 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.
5. 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.

6. User Agency should ensure that the compensatory levies are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage -I clearance.
7. Necessary certificates/documents under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests vide letter No.11-9/1998-FC (Pt) dated 05.07.2013 shall be furnished before Stage-II clearance.
8. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8955 ha.
9. Any other condition that the Addl. P.C.C.F. (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
10. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and the forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours faithfully,



(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to 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 (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Manager, M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd, No. 160, Om Chambers, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore. (Karnataka).
5. Guard file.



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