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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment
M.S. Building,
Bengaluru-560 001.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.75 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.1 of Rampura Karuvinahatti Village, Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest of Kanakapura Range, Ramanagara Division for establishing 765 KV S/C Transmission line from Darmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri (Tumkur) covering the States of Tamilnadu and Karnataka in favour of the Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru -reg. **Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/23066/2016.**

- Ref:**
- 1) Letter No. 4-KRB1157/2018-BAN/700 dated 29-08-2018 [Stage-I approval] & 02-01-2019 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru.
 - 2) This office letter of even number dated 01-09-2018 [addressed to User Agency and copy marked to field officers].
 - 3) Letter No.A11/Land/CR-108/2017-18 dated 21-01-2019 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru (Received in this office on 14-02-2019). [submission of Compliance Report].
 - 4) Letter No. A5:LND:CR-163/2016-17/1360 dated 11-01-2019 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara [submission of Compliance Report].

The Government of India vide reference (1) have accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 1.75 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.1 of Rampura Karuvinahatti Village, Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest of Kanakapura Range, Ramanagara Division for establishing 765 KV S/C Transmission line from Darmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri (Tumakuru) covering the States of Tamilnadu and Karnataka subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru were directed by this office vide reference (2) to obtain compliance report with regard to the conditions of Stage-I approval from the User Agency, verify it and then submit it to this office.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle and Deputy Conservators of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara have submitted the compliance report vide letters

cited under reference (3) & (4) respectively. Based on the reports received as above, the status of compliance to the conditions of Stage-I approval is submitted as under.

Sl No.	Stage- I approval condition	Status of Compliance
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	The legal status of forest land will not be changed.
2	The demarcation of the proposed forest area 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.	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division has reported that the User Agency has erected 41 number of cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20.00 mtrs.
3	The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation over double the degraded forest land over an extent of 3.50 ha in Sy No.76 of Bairashattihalli Village, Narikallugudda Reserve Forests, Channapattana Range, Ramanagara District shall be realized from the User Agency.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 10,50,000/- towards cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation charges in lieu of the forest land being diverted [<i>@ Rs.3.00 lakh per hectare x 3.50 hectare</i>] through e-payment mode to KARNATAKA CAMPA vide transaction dated 12-09-2018. Copy of Status of Payment Page taken from FC Web Portal is enclosed [ANNEXURE-A].
4	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 1.75 ha. from 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. 7,66,500/- towards the Net Present Value of 1.75 hectare forest area under diversion @ Rs.4.38 lakh/ha through e-payment mode to KARNATAKA CAMPA vide transaction dated 12-09-2018. Copy of Status of Payment Page taken from FC Web Portal is enclosed [ANNEXURE-A].
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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has submitted an 'Undertaking' in this regard.[ANNEXURE-B]
6	User Agency should ensure that the Compensatory levies are deposited in the appropriate bank through challan generated online on the	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 20,16,500/- [10,50,000+7,66,500 +2,00,000] towards CA, NPV & Medicinal Plant charges through challan generated (e-payment) online on the web portal to A/c No.150736423066315, Karnataka

	web portal. Amount deposited through other modes will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.	CAMPA, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 vide transaction dated 12-09-2018. Copy of Status of Payment Page taken from FC Web Portal are enclosed [ANNEXURE-A].
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.	The User Agency has submitted a copy of the Certificate of compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules 2008 issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner vide letter No. RAJKA/LAQ/CR/03/2018-19 dated 10-09-2018 in FORM-I (Linear projects) as per guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi vide letter No. 11-9/1198-FC (pt) dated 3-8-2009/05-7-2013 is enclosed [ANNEXURE-C]. However, the User Agency is being informed to submit the said certificate in original to Government of India.
8	Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line shall be taken up at the cost of User Agency.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- towards the dwarf / medicinal Plant species in the right of way under the transmission line through e-payment mode to KARNATAKA CAMPA vide transaction dated 12-09-2018. Copy of Status of Payment Page taken from FC Web Portal is enclosed [ANNEXURE-A].
9	Guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05-05-2014 for laying of transmission lines through forest areas shall be strictly followed.	The User Agency has submitted an 'Undertaking' in this regard [ANNEXURE-D].
10	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 1.75 ha.	The User Agency has submitted an 'Undertaking' in this regard [ANNEXURE-E].
11	A separate proposal for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, falling in Bannerghatta National Park associated with the instant transmission line shall be submitted after necessary clearance from the Standing Committee on NBWL.	In this regard User Agency has submitted a separate online proposal vide No. FP/KA/TRANS/37833/2018 to this office on 01-01-2019. The same is examined by this office and incompleteness communicated to User Agency on 01-02-2019. The same is reflected in web portal.
12	Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office,	The User Agency has submitted an 'Undertaking' in this regard [ANNEXURE-F].

	Bengaluru may imposed from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.	
13	Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bengaluru.	The User Agency has submitted an 'Undertaking' in this regard [ANNEXURE-G].

In view of above compliance to conditions of Stage-I approval as reported by the field officers, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change to accord final approval (Stage-II) for diversion of 1.75 hectare of forest land in Sy. No.1 of Rampura Karuvinahatti Village, Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest of Kanakapura Range, Ramanagara Division for establishing 765 KV S/C Transmission line from Darmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri (Tumakuru) covering the States of Tamilnadu and Karnataka in favour of the Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to submission of Original RoFR certificate by the User Agency for Condition No. 07 of Stage-I approval.

The proforma particulars along with the relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted herewith for kind perusal and further action.

Yours faithfully

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Conservation & Nodal Officer (FCA)

1. Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru for information.
2. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara for information.
3. Copy to the Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, SRTS-II, RHQ, Near RTO Driving Test Track, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District for information and necessary action regarding submission of the original RoFR certificate to Government of India at the earliest.

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