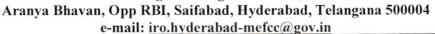


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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE Integrated Regional Office,





F.No. 4-TSA133/2018-CHN/ 516

Date 20th May, 2022

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The Special Chief Secretary to the Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: Diversion of 45.1009 ha (revised from 45.0032 h of forest land in Asifabad, Bellampally and Peddapally Division for the construction of Warora Pool-Warangal (New) 765 kv D/C Transmission line in favour of Warora Kurnool Transmission line (WKTL)-reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No.3904/For.I(1)/2018 dated 25.09.2018 and online application No.FP/TG/TRANS/27465/2017 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter 13.12.2018. The State Government vide its letter No. 3904/For.I(1)/2018 dated 30.03.2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **45.1009 ha (revised from 45.0032 ha)** of forest land in Asifabad, Bellampally and Peddapally Division for the construction of Warora Pool-Warangal (New) 765 kv D/C Transmission line in favour of Warora Kurnool Transmission line (WKTL), subject to fulfillment of the following conditions;

- 1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the State Forest Department in the following patches of degraded forests identified at the cost of the User Agency.
 - a. 15 ha in Compt No 273 Khansaipet beat, Eklapur Section
 - b. 20 ha in Compt No 282 Gopalpur Beat, Kammampally section of Manthani Range of Peddapally Division
 - c. 28.40 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No 407 of RF Kunchevelly of Beat Girelly of section Girelly of Rebbena Range
 - d. **27.60 ha** of degraded forest area in Bellampally RF of Bellampally Range, at the cost of the User Agency.

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- 3. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. In the proposed CA scheme, provision for watering of sapling planted shall be added for the first 4 years.
- 4. CA land identified shall not be altered without the approval of Central Government
- 5. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 6. 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
- 7. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
- 8. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 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. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the State Forest Department utilizing fund deposited by the user agency for this purpose.
- 12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 13. 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.
- 14. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **45.1009** ha and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 15. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations, and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- 16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 17. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing Acts/Rules/guidelines.

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- 18. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection, and development of forests & wildlife.
- 19. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line as per scheme proposed by the DFOs of Peddapally, Bellampally and Asifabad Forest Divisions, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- 20. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 67 mtrs.
- 21. The mitigative measures as proposed in the proposal shall be carried out by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- 22. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the transmission lines.
- 23. All conditions recommended by the SC-NBWL/ NTCA shall be strictly complied with by the User Agency / State Government at the project cost.
- 24. In case the portion of the transmission line to be constructed is in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut.
- 25. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of the User Agency.
- 26. The progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Peddapally, Bellampally and Asifabad Forest Divisions shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office.
- 27. As and when repair or maintenance is required after the completion of the project, the same shall be carried out after taking permission of the State Forest Department.

Compliance report of the above stated condition shall be submitted by the user agency/state forest department

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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