

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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The Principal Secretary to Government,
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C. No. TS3/11384/2017 Dated: 10.06.2020.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 3.85 ha of forest land in Thirutheri RF of Kancheepuram Forest Division for erection of 230 KV DC transmission line from Cuddalore to Veerapuram (S.P. Koil) via Neyveli in Kancheepuram District in favour of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation, Chennai 2- Stage-I approval accorded by Government of India – Compliance report furnishing off - Regarding.

Ref: 1) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai letter F. No.4-TNC044/2019-CHN/1870, dated 02.12.2019

2) Government letter No. 8384/FR.10/2019-6, dated 17.12.2019.

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With reference to the letters cited, the Compliance report on Stage I approval for diversion of 3.85 ha of forest land in Thirutheri RF of Kancheepuram Forest Division for erection of 230 KV DC transmission line from Cuddalore to Veerapuram (S.P. Koil) via Neyveli in Kancheepuram District in favour of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation, Chennai 2 for a period of 30 years is furnished as below.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition/ reply
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status will remain as forest land
2	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement	The user agency has reported that the work included in the project cost and the pillars will be erected after

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	concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the user agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project before the Stage II approval.	line stringing work. An undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
3	The State Forest Department shall carryout compensatory afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 7.70 ha of degraded forest area identified in Appur RF at the cost of the user agency.	After final approval, Compensatory afforestation and its maintenance will be carried out by the State Forest Department. The user agency has already deposited Rs. 1,50,94,695/- towards CA scheme.
4	The degraded forest land identified for CA and the CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	This condition will be complied by the Forest Department.
5	The cost of compensatory afforestation as per the CA scheme and cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.	The user agency has already deposited Rs. 1,50,94,695/- towards Compensatory Afforestation scheme. A copy of combined amount credit statement (CA and NPV) is enclosed. This condition will be complied by the Forest Department.
6	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 3.85 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	Net Present Value of the proposed diversion of forest area measuring 3.85 ha calculated as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and an amount of Rs. 16,86,300/- has been deposited by the user agency by generating challan in the Ministry's

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	with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.	website on 13.02.2020. A copy of combined amount credit statement (CA and NPV) is enclosed.
7	Additional amount of 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.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit additional amount of Net Present Value of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future. A copy of Undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed herewith.
8	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA funds only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The User Agency has deposited the CA, NPV amount of Rs. 1,67,80,995/- by generating the challan in the Ministry's web site on 13.02.2020. A copy of combined amount credit statement (CA and NPV) is enclosed.
9	The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted width of 35 meters of the forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.	The user agency has reported that this condition will be followed during execution. The cost of felling of trees for Rs. 42570/- was paid to the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division on 08.01.2020.
10	The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare and implement a	The user agency has reported that this will be carried out after completion of work.

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	detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line at its cost.	
11	The user agency at its cost shall provide bird reflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.	The user agency has reported that bird reflectors will be provided on the upper conductor after completion of the line stringing work.
12	The user agency shall comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas.	The user agency has reported that this will be compiled according to the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas.
13	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has reported that layout plan of the transmission line will not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government..
14	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed during execution.
15	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed during execution.

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	construction materials for the execution of the project work	
16	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed during execution.
17	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	Compliance report has been uploaded by the user agency in the web portal.
18	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed.
19	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.	The User Agency has reported that disturbance will be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and nearby forest flora and fauna will not be disturbed by the labourers and staff engaged in execution of work.
20	The trees on strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Further, Pollarding / pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer, wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines.	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed.

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21	During construction of transmission line, pollarding/ pruning of trees located outside the 35 meters width of the strips, whose branches / parts infringe with conductor stringing shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local forest officer.	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed strictly during execution.
22	In case the portion of the transmission line to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut.	The user agency has reported that this condition is not applicable.
23	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 user agency.	The User Agency has reported that all efforts will be taken to minimise tree felling and translocation of trees wherever feasible will be carried out at the project cost.
24	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceeds 3.85 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any other purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has reported that it will be ensured that total forest area will not be exceeded 3.85 ha. Undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
25	The approval under FCA 1980 is subject to the clearance under all other Acts, Rules, Guidelines, Regulations and Court Orders applicable to such project	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed.

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26	The progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Chengalpattu Forest Division shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office.	The respective Circle head - Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle will monitor the progress of compensatory afforestation and monitoring reports will be furnished in due course.
27	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed.
28	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the DDG (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.	The User Agency has reported that condition will be followed.

Since the conditions stipulated in the Government of India letter cited have been fulfilled by the User Agency, I request that Government of India may be addressed for the issue of Stage - II final approval of Government of India for the diversion of 3.85 ha of forest land in Thirutheri RF of Kancheepuram Forest Division for erection of 230 KV DC transmission line from Cuddalore to Veerapuram (S.P. Koil) via Neyveli in Kancheepuram District in favour of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation, Chennai 2 for a period of 30 years.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

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