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Date 07<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 10.1437 ha (7.9657 ha in Medak Division + 2.178 ha in Sanga Reddy Division) of forest land for erection of 220 KV multi circuit line and UG Cable from 400 KV SS Narsapur to the proposed 220/132/33 KV Bowrampet SS in Ranga Reddy District in favour of Superintending Engineer, OMC/Metro-West/ TSTRANSCO, Mint Compound, Hyderabad-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter 4282/For.I(1) /2018 dated 11.02.2019 and online proposal No FP/TG/TRANS/38380/2019 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.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 10.1437 ha (7.9657 ha in Medak Division + 2.178 ha in Sanga Reddy Division) of forest land for erection of 220 KV multi circuit line and UG Cable from 400 KV SS Narsapur to the proposed 220/132/33 KV Bowrampet SS in Ranga Reddy District in favour of Superintending Engineer, OMC/Metro-West/ TSTRANSCO, Mint Compound, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters **by** the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost before the Stage II approval;
3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over **15.9314 ha** of degraded forest land in Compt No 14 of

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Ghanor RF and Beat, Kulcharam Section & Kowdipally Range and 4.356 ha of degraded forest land in Compt No 355 of Kodakanchi RF of Sanga Reddy Range at the cost of the User Agency;

4. The State Forest Department shall carry out SMC works as proposed with a financial out lay of Rs. 47.0085 lakhs at the project cost. Details of the SMC works proposed to be carried out shall be furnished along with the compliance report;
5. Minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted area shall be planted in the degraded forest land identified for CA. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
6. The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA shall not be left unspent;
7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 10.1437 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;
8. 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;**
9. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and any money received in compliance of the conditions stipulated by the Central Government under this project shall compulsorily be deposited in to the **"State Compensatory Afforestation Fund of Telangana State" only;**
10. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line, at the cost of the User Agency;
11. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 35 mtrs;
12. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
14. The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
15. 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 & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
16. 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;
17. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
18. **No working permit shall be issued by the State Government before submission of RoFR certificate for the 2.178 ha of forest area falling in Sangareddy Forest Division. The State Government shall furnish RoFR certificate to this office before issuing of working permission for scrutiny and record purpose;**
19. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary and unavoidable;
20. The State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees wherever feasible, at the cost of the User Agency;
21. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
22. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **10.1437 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

23. The Progress in Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Medak & Sangareddy Forest Divisions shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
24. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(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;
25. 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 Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

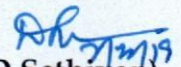
Yours faithfully,

  
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Conservator of Forests (Central)

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5. The Superintending Engineer, OMC/Metro-West/ TSTRANSCO, Metro Zone, Erragadda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500045.
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