

भारत सरकार Government of India पर्यावरण वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय/Integrated Regional Office Aranya Bhavan, 3rd floor, Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana E-mail: <u>iro.hyderabad-mefcc@gov.in</u>



F.No. 4-TSB077/2017-CHN/Part-I/604

Date 27 July 2022

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 1.799 ha of Forest Land in Nizamabad division for construction of 33 KV line along the forest adjacent to existing NH44 Road between Bibipur Thanda to new 33/11 KV SS Thirmanpally with connected lines under "Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project (Watergrid) at Thirmanpally (V) in favour of M/s. TSNPDCL-reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 2027/For.I(1)/2017-1 dated 17.05.2017, and online proposal No. FP/TG/TRANS/24773/2017 seeking prior approval of the Government of India 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 dated 20.06.2017. The State Government vide letter No. 2027/For.I(1)/2017 dated 06.05.2022 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 final approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 1.799 ha of Forest Land in Nizamabad division for construction of 33 KV line along the forest adjacent to existing NH44 Road between Bibipur Thanda to new 33/11 KV SS Thirmanpally with connected lines under "Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project (Watergrid) at Thirmanpally (V) in favour of M/s. TSNPDCL, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency and report compliance within a month from the date of issue of this letter. Work of the project should not start before the demarcation of proposed forest is completed.
- 3. State Government shall submit undertaking to comply with conditions applicable to the State Government such as "no change in the CA area and CA scheme

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without prior approval of the central government" stipulated in the *in-principle* approval given in the instant proposal within a month.

- 4. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.60 ha degraded forest land (Compartment No.481, Mittapally RF, Yenampally Beat, Yenampally Section, Indalwai Range) and shall raise medicinal plantation over 1.799 ha of degraded forest area in Compt. No. 472 of Indalwai Beat, Indalwai Section, Indalwai Range and shall carry out SMC works as submitted in the CA scheme prepared by the DFO, Nizambad at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planted, and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 10. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 11. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 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 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.

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- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- 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.

(Dr. D. Manjunatha) Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Yours faithfully

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- 2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Telangana State Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, Hyderabad.
- 3. The CEO, TS CAMPA, Aranya Bhawan, Hyderabad.
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