



Government of Gujarat
Forest & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1020/7-21/20/SF-193/F

To,

Date: **11 9 AUG 2021**

Deputy Director General of Forests
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Regional Office, Western Region,
Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan,
Link Road No.3, E-5, Ravi Shankar Nagar,
BHOPAL (M.P.)-462016.

Subject: Diversion of **25.1315 ha.** Reserved/Protected Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary area for construction of 765 KV D/C Lakadiya Banaskantha Transmission line in favour of Associate General Manager, Lakadia Banaskantha Transco Ltd., Bhuj.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJC047/2020-BHO dated 30.12.2020 on the subject cited above and it is informed that:-

Sr. No.	Condition	Compliance
1	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has Agreed
2	Forest land will be handed over to the User Agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the User Agency.	This project is linear diversion therefore Non Forest land is non required for this project.
3	Compensatory afforestation: a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 51.00 ha. degraded forest land (Survey no.136/pt., Village-Zumkha, Taluka-Bhuj, Dist-Kutch). As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3,14,66,189/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation and Addl. CA in the CAMPA fund.

	b) Total No. of saplings to be planted shall not be less than nos. 56,661 (51 ha X 1111) in CA land. The composition of saplings (number of species wise) to be planted in the CA land shall be as per the National Forest Policy and as per CA scheme submitted vide Govt. of Gujarat letter no. FCA-1020/7-21/20/SF-193/F, dated 12/11/2020 and record shall be kept.	Noted
	c) The standard size sapling (minimum height & minimum collar girth and maximum sturdiness quotient species wise) as approved by the State Govt. and as per specified in CA scheme submitted by Govt. of Gujarat letter no. FCA-1020/7-21/20/SF-193/F, dated 12/11/2020 shall be planted in the selected CA land.	Noted
	d) The height and collar girth (specie wise) shall be measured & recorded at the time of plantation and in November of plantation year. Further, data of height, collar girth and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained.	Noted
	e) All the live stumps and pollards upto 90 cm girth shall be dressed from ground level for the purpose of generation & record shall be kept in plantation journal.	Noted
	f) The CA Plantation shall be taken up before end of 2022 monsoon.	Noted and planned
4	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the 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 scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3,14,66,189/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation and Addl.CA in the CAMPA fund.

5.	The User Agency shall deposit the amount Rs.2,31,60,589/- in respect of CA in CAMPA, New Delhi.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.2,42,12,556/- towards CA at the prevailing wage rates in the CAMPA fund.
6	<p>NPV :</p> <p>a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 25.1315 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24/04/2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.11) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and chapter 3 of FCA Handbook, 2019 in this regard.</p> <p>b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.</p>	<p>The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.1,78,17,711/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.</p> <p>The User Agency has already given the undertaking in this regard.</p>
7	User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to 145 numbers in the diverted 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 agreed
8	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://pariveshnic.in).	Funds from the user agency has been transferred online to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.
9	The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line	The User Agency has agreed

	for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.	
10	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 birds hits.	The User Agency has agreed
11	The user agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission line through forest areas issued by Ministry vide chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	Shall be submitted Annexure-6
12	The User Agency shall be eligible for the working permission of one year per the Para 11.2 of FCA Handbook, 2019 and copy of the working permission shall be submitted to this office.	Working permission is given to user agency by DCF.
13	The State Govt. shall obtain the Stage-II approval in case of User Agency eligible for the working permission of one year as per the Para 11.2 of FCA Handbook 2019. If, the Stage-II approval is not obtained before the end of working permission, then the State shall stop the work and action shall be initiated under Para 1.21 (ii) of FCA Handbook 2019.	The User Agency has agreed
	Wildlife area Conditions:	
1	The proposal is part of Wildlife area and attracts para 12.3 However, the working permission for this proposal shall be issued only after receipt of finale clearance from NBWL/CWLW under the Act.	The User Agency has agreed
2	The copy of wildlife clearance from NBWL/ CWLW under the Act shall be submitted to IRO, Gandhinagar before issuance of working permission.	Shall be submitted Annexure-6
3	The State Govt. shall ensure that no any work shall be executed in the Protected Area before obtaining finale clearance from NBWL/CWLW.	The User Agency has agreed
4	If in case the clearance from NBWL is not granted than this in-principle approval stands revoked/deemed revoked.	The User Agency has agreed
	General Conditions:	
1	User Agency shall raise strip plantation of both side and central verge of the road	The User Agency has agreed

	as per the IRC norms.	
2	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.	N.A.
3	User Agency shall provide suitable under pass/over pass for free movement of wildlife in and around the forest area in accordance to Eco friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife (2016).	The User Agency has agreed
4	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.	Environmental Clearance if not required for this project.
5	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed
6	No labour camp shall be establishment on the forest land.	The User Agency has agreed
7	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 Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The User Agency has agreed
8	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	The User Agency has agreed
9	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.	The User Agency has agreed
10	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has undertaken that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose, other than that specified in the FCA Proposal.
11	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.	The User Agency has agreed
12	The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all	The User Agency has agreed

	Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	
13	The User Agency shall adhere to all rules, regulations, guidelines & Acts enforced by State Govt. and Central Govt. for the proposal.	The User Agency has agreed
14	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as Para 1.21 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	The User Agency has agreed
15	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.	The User Agency has agreed
16	The compliance report in letter format of State Govt. of Gujarat shall be uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in) in letter format.	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.

In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, it is requested to issue a formal approval.

Yours faithfully,



(S. J. Pandit)

Additional Secretary

Forest & Environment Department

Encl. As above.

copy to:-

1. Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State, 'Aranya Bhavan' Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
2. Select File