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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forest, Environment and Ecology Department
M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 7.562 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 50/1 Mannerala Village and Sy No. 70/1, 70/2, 70/3, 71, 73 and 89 of Mavinaitagi Village, Hanamasagara Hobli, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District for Construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favor of Koppal - Narendra Transmission Limited, ReNew.Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Sector-43, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana – 122 009
Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/152682/2022[Form-A]

Ref: 1. Online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 30-04-2022 (re submitted) of Koppal - Narendra Transmission Limited, ReNew.Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Sector-43, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana r/w Acknowledgement uploaded online on 24-05-2022 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copy proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests (s) and Deputy Commissioner.

2. This office online communication dated 04-06-2022 to Deputy Conservator of Forest(s) Bijapur, Bagalkot, Gadag & Koppal Division(s) for further processing of proposal.

3. Online submission of PART-II on 12-12-2022 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division.

4. Online submission of PART-II on 14-12-2022 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division.

5. Online submission of PART-II on 17-12-2022 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadag Division.

6. Online submission of PART-II on 02-01-2023 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bijapur Division.

7. Online submission of PART-III on 10-02-2022 by the Chief Conservator of Forest(s), Ballari [letter No. M1/Windmill /KPL/7.562/Renew Energy/CR-30/2022-23 dated 23-01-2023] Belgaum Circle(s) [letter No. A7/Land/Koppal Narendra/CR-/2022-23 dated 10-02-2023] Dharwad Circle(s) [letter No

1. Koppal - Narendra Transmission Limited, ReNew.Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Sector-43, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana [USER AGENCY] vide Ref (1) has submitted an online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] through FC web portal seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 7.562 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 50/1 Mannerala Village and Sy No. 70/1, 70/2, 70/3, 71, 73 and 89 of Mavinaitagi Village, Hanamasagara Hobli, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District for Construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line. After uploading of Acknowledgement on 24-05-2022 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forest(s) and Deputy Commissioner, an online communication was made by the Nodal Officer (FCA) vide Ref (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests Bijapur, Bagalkot, Gadag & Koppal Division(s) to process the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to submit specific opinion / recommendation.

2. **Location details and Component-wise breakup of forest land requirement:**
The details of the location of forest land and component wise requirement are given below.

District, Taluk, Hobli	Village	Sy.No.	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal status of land
Koppal District, Kushtagi Taluk Hanamasagara Hobli	Mannerala	50/1	0.5415	Reserved Forest
	Mavinaitagi	70/1,70/2,70/3,71,73 & 89	7.0205	
Total			7.562	

Component wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion is given below.

Division	Name of Project component	Forest land required		
		Length (Mtr)	Width (Mtr)	Area (Ha)
Koppal	Laying of 400 KV Electrical transmission line	1644	46	7.562
Total				7.562

3. **Report of DCF, Koppal Division:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division has inspected the site on 09-12-2022 and vide Ref (3) has submitted his report along with Site Inspection Report in PART-II to Conservator of

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division r/w report of Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle and that of ICT Centre of Forest Department are summarized below.

- a. The forest area to be diverted is rocky and scrubby in nature. The forest cover is sparse and hence the area is susceptible to high erosion.
 - b. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-class-IV (Density 10).
 - c. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 830 trees in different girth classes. Main tree species include Eucalyptus, Gliricidia Maculata and Misc. Species.
 - d. Main wild animals reported in and around the project area Wild hares, Indian grey wolves, Foxes, Hyena, peacock, jackals etc.
 - e. There is rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna reported in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
 - f. There are no national park, Wild Life Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor, Wild Life Migration Corridor etc.
 - g. The forest land proposed for diversion is not located within Eco-sensitive Zone.
 - h. There are no Protected Archaeological/ Heritage sites or Defence establishments or important monuments in the area.
 - i. There is no violation reported under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
 - j. The requirement of forest land for the project is bare minimum and unavoidable.
4. **Report of DCF, Vijayapur Division:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayapur Division has inspected the site on 05-12-2022 and reported as below.
- The villages and Sy No's mentioned in Vijayapur Forest Division for Construction of 137.701 kms of 400 kv Quad/Dc Koppal PS- Narendra (New) Transmission Line in Vijayapur Forest Division do not pass through any notified forest area.
5. **Report of DCF, Bagalkote Division:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkote Division has inspected the site on 02-02-2023 and reported as below.
- Transmission Line in Bagalkote Forest Division do not pass through any forest area.
6. **Report of DCF, Gadag Division:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadag Division has inspected the site on 09-12-2022 and reported as below.
- The proposed area do not fall within the Jurisdiction of Forest Department in Gadag forest Division.

7. **CCF, Ballari Circle Report:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle has not inspected the site and has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests Koppal Division. The Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4) has submitted his report in PART-III and has also recommended the proposal.
8. **CCF, Belagavi Circle Report:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle has not inspected the site and has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests Bagalkot Division. The Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle vide Ref (7) has submitted his report in PART-III and has also recommended the proposal.
9. **CCF, Dharwad Circle Report:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle has not inspected the site and has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests Gadag Division. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle vide Ref (7) has submitted his report in PART-III and has also recommended the proposal.
10. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The User Agency is required to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land proposed for diversion as per Para 3.1 to 3.4 of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022 and 19-01-2022 and 22-03-2022 **The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking agreeing to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.**
11. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** In accordance with the provisions of para 2.5 (i)(a) of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019, the Compensatory Afforestation can be raised and maintained at the cost of User Agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area proposed for diversion in the cases of laying of transmission lines. The user agency has submitted CA land suitability certificate duly issued by the **Deputy Conservator of Forest Gadag Division.** **The details of the degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation is as follows;**

Sl. No.	Division/ District	Range/ Taluk	Name of village	Sy.No.	Forest area (in ha)	Status of forest land
1	Gadag	Hirahatti/ Shirahatti	Hosur	7	2.087	Hosur RF
2	Gadag	Hirahatti/ Shirahatti	Hosur	26	13.061	Hosur RF
Total					15.148	

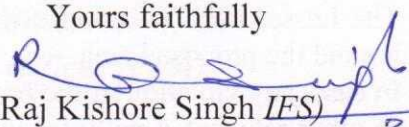
The User Agency has also submitted an Undertaking agreeing to pay the Compensatory afforestation charges.

12. Status of RoFR compliance: In order to meet the requirement of the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules 2008 and the FC Guidelines, the User Agency has not obtained/ furnished the (copy of) requisite **RoFR Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects)** issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure II of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019. Accordingly, **the User Agency is being informed once again to obtain the said certificate in prescribed format and submit a copy.**

Under the above circumstances and agreeing with recommendation of the field officers, **it is requested to move the proposal to Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 7.562 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 50/1 Mannerala Village and Sy No. 70/1, 70/2, 70/3, 71, 73 and 89 of Mavinaitagi Village, Hanamasagara Hobli, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District for Construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favor of Koppal - Narendra Transmission Limited, ReNew.Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Sector-43, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana – 122 009 for a period of twenty (20) years subject to submission of RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and the conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.**

The hard copy of the proposal along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful. The present status (Timeline) of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours faithfully


(Raj Kishore Singh IES)

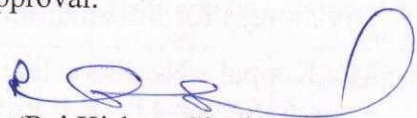
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Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Ballari /Dharwad/Belgaum Circle(s) for information.
2. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forest(s), Koppal/Bijapur/Bagalkote/Gadag Division(s) for information and necessary action as stated above.
3. M/s Koppal - Narendra Transmission Limited, ReNew.Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Sector-43, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana – 122 009 for information and **with a request to obtain RoFR Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure II of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019**

ANNEXURE - A

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory Afforestation (CA), medicinal/Dwarf species cost, tree extraction Charges, land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
4. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage and hypothecate the forest area.
5. The Lessee shall provide signages in appropriate dimensions and kind near the proposed transmission line within forest limits for sensitization of general public towards the forest, wildlife and environmental issues in consultation with the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests.
6. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
7. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
8. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
9. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
10. No crushing / breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
11. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests.
12. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
13. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
14. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
15. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.


(Raj Kishore Singh IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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PART – IV

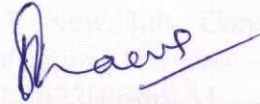
(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

<p>Detailed opinion & specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p><i>(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon.)</i></p>	<p>Recommended for moving the proposal to Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 7.562 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 50/1 Mannerala Village and Sy No. 70/1, 70/2, 70/3, 71, 73 and 89 of Mavinaitagi Village, Hanamasagara Hobli, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District for Construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favor of Koppal - Narendra Transmission Limited, ReNew.Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Sector-43, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana – 122 009 for a period of twenty (20) years subject to submission of RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and the conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.</p> <p>Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/152682/2022 [Form-A]</p>
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Signature:

Name:

Designation:



VIJAY SHARMA IFS

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and
Nodal Officer (FCA)**

(Official Seal):

Counter signed by :

Name:

Designation:



RAJ KISHORE SINGH IFS

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)**

(Official Seal):

N.D.O. No: 69/2022-23

Date: -02-2023

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