

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

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The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forests Department,
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Chennai 600 009.

C. No. TS3/33788/2014 Dated: 03 .08.2015.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Dharmapuri Forest Circle / Hosur Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 3.35 ha of forest land in Enusonai Reserved Land of Hosur Forest Division in Krishnagiri District for construction of 765 KV - S/C transmission line from New Salem (Dharmapuri) to Madhugiri of Karnataka State - Online Submission of proposal by the User Agency - regarding.

Ref: 1) Online application uploaded by the User Agency - Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Bangalore 64, Karnataka State dated 30.10.2014 and additional details furnished on 25.11.2014

2) Form-A, Part II uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Hosur Division on 11.12.2014 and additional details uploaded 19.01.2015

3) Form-A, Part-III uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 19.01.2015 and additional details uploaded on 08.07.2015

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The Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Bangalore has submitted online application under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the prescribed format of Form A - Part I for diversion of 3.35 ha of forest land in Enusonai Reserved Land of Hosur Forest Division in Krishnagiri District for construction of 765 KV - S/C transmission line from New Salem (Dharmapuri) to Madhugiri of Karnataka State.

The User Agency has requested diversion of forest area for a period of 75 years.

The User Agency has submitted the following details / Documents / Certificates / Undertakings / Maps along with the proposal.

1) Note containing justification for locating the project in forest area.

2) Location map of the proposed diversion of forest area (Enusonai RF) marked in the Rough map prepared.

3) Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost of protection and regeneration of safety zone etc., as per the scheme prepared by the State Government in lieu of forest land to be diverted for the project.

4) Undertaking to bear the cost along with any escalation for exploitation of trees in the forest land to be diverted to the project.

5) Undertaking to deposit the cost of compensatory afforestation as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amounts if any suggested as amended owing to the change in planting technique, enhancement of FSR etc., demanded subsequently.

6) Undertaking to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed by the guidelines of Supreme Court of India.

7) Undertaking to bear the additional Net Present Value which will be fixed by the guidelines of Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.

8) Certificate from the project authority (User Agency) that demands for forest land for the project is minimum.

9) Certificate to effect that no violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 occurred.

10) Certificate to effect that no alternate suitable non forest land is available for the project. An analysis of the alternate route alignment studied is also furnished.

11) Undertaking to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted to the above project.

After getting additional details from the User Agency, the proposal was forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Hosur Division.

After field inspection, the District Forest Officer, Hosur Division and the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle has forwarded the proposal to the Nodal Officer through on-line.

Salient feature of proposal compiled from the report of District Forest Officer is furnished below.

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| Area required for the Project | - 3.3472 ha. |
| Density of forests | - 0.3 |
| Eco-class | - Eco-3 |
| Legal status of the land | - Reserved Land |

Notified under Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act 1882 vide G.O. Ms. No. 902 Environment and Forests Department dated 18.08.1987.

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| Name of the Forest Block | - Enusonai RL |
| Field inspection by District Forest Officer | - 04.12.2014 |
| Length of the proposed corridor | - 523 m |
| Width of the corridor | - 64 m |
| Area proposed for diversion | - 3.35 ha. |

In the proposed corridor path, 698 numbers of *Eucalyptus tereticornis* species are available, all of them are man made trees. Age of the tree is about 15 years.

The Udedurgam RF of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary lies 20 km away from the proposed site.

There is no endangered flora and fauna available in the proposed site.

There is no monument structure in the proposed site area nearby.

There is no National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc., is located within 1 km from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion.

There is any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.

There is no protected archaeological / heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

Requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project and no work in violation of the Act or guidelines has been carried out.

The District Forest Officer, Hosur division has identified Compensatory Afforestation work in 7.00 ha., of degraded forest area of Sakkadi Sakkampatti RL of Rayakottai Range in Hosur Division.

As the project facilitates the transmission of power from the surplus area to demand area and there is no felling of spontaneous tree growth, the District Forest Officer has recommended the project subject to the following conditions.

1. The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value of the forest land.
2. The User Agency has to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation in double the extent. Compensatory Afforestation cost has been arrived for 7.00 hectares.
3. The User Agency has to pay the lease rent for the area diverted annually.

Compensatory Afforestation plantation cost for 7 ha of degraded forest land including maintenance for 7 years, protection of plantation etc., has been proposed for Rs. 35.00 Lakhs. Prorata has been arrived @ Rs. 5.00 Lakhs per hectare.

The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle has reported in Part-III of the proposal, that the site has been inspected by him on 16.12.2014 and he has agreed with the remarks offered by the District Forest Officer in his field inspection. He recommended the proposal with the condition that the User Agency has to provide ELCB (Earth Leakage Current Breaker) arrangement all along the transmission line so as to prevent electrocution death of wild animals.

The Forest Rights Act Certificate issued by the District Collector of Krishnagiri on 27.05.2015, received through the User Agency has been uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle.

The District Forest Officer, Hosur Division has recommended the proposal in the part II format proposal.

The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle has recommended the proposal in the part III format proposal.

The proposal is recommended subject to the following conditions :

- a) The User Agency has to deposit the cost of raising compensatory afforestation and maintenance of plantation for seven years as fixed by the Forest Department

for the Compensatory Afforestation work proposed in Sökkadi Sökkampatti RL of Hosur Forest Division.

- b) The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- c) The User Agency has to bear the additional Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
- d) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future.
- e) The User Agency has to provide ELCB (Earth Leakage Current Breaker) arrangement all along the transmission line so as to prevent electrocution death of wild animals.
- f) Period of lease shall be 20 years.

The proposal is sent herewith duly recommended by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) / Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Part IV of Form - A. I request that the proposal may kindly be forwarded through on-line to Government of India for obtaining concurrence of Government of India for diversion forest area 3.35 ha of forest land in Enusonai Reserved Land of Hosur Forest Division in Krishnagiri District for construction of 765 KV - S/C transmission line from New Salem (Dharmapuri) to Madhugiri of Karnataka State in favour of the Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Bangalore 64, Karnataka State.

Yours faithfully



for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force) (FAC)

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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)

- 17 Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with remarks

(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)

Recommended.

Signature :

[Handwritten Signature]
3-8-15

Name Designation: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation Act)
Chennai-600015

Date : 3.8.15

Place: Chennai-15

