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(Head of Forest Force)



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No. A5(4).GFL.CR-28/2016-17

(3 Set proposals Enclosed)  
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To,

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

Madam,

Sub: Diversion of 1.75 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.1 of Rampura Karuvinahatti Village, Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest of Kanakapura Range, Ramanagara Division for establishing 765 KV S/C Transmission line from Darmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri (Tumkur) covering the States of Tamilnadu and Karnataka in favour of the Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru -Reg Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/23066/2016.

- Ref: 1. Online proposal dated 17-02-2017 (re-submitted) of the Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru.
2. This office online communication dated 16-03-2017 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.
3. Online submission of PART-II by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara to Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle on 29-11-2017.
4. Online submission of PART-III by Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru to Nodal Officer on 05-01-2018 and letter No.A11/Bhoomi/CR-108/2017-18 dated 03-01-2018 & 05-02-2018 (hard copy).



5. Letter No.A5/LND/CR-163/2016-17 /1923 dated 17-01-2018 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.

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1. The Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru. vide reference (1) has submitted a proposal through web portal mode for diversion of 1.75 hectare of forest land in Rampura Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest of Kanakapura Range, Ramanagara Division for establishing 765 KV S/C Transmission line from Darmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri (Tumkur) covering the States of Tamilnadu and Karnataka for obtaining approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, a communication through online was made by Nodal Officer vide reference (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara and Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District to process the said proposal and to submit their specific opinion / recommendations.

2. **Report of DCF Ramanagara Division:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara vide reference (3) & (5) has submitted his online report (PART-II) along with his Site Inspection Report to Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru.

The details of the proposal are given below:

| Name of the |            |            |            | Survey number and village        | Status of Land                      | Component-wise Breakup details                                       | Extent (in ha) |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|
|             | District   | Taluk      | Hobli      |                                  |                                     |  |                |
| 1           | Ramanagara | Kanakapura | Maralawadi | 1 of Rampura Karuvinahatti Kaval | Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest | For laying of Transmission Line (Length 274.08 Mtrs x Width 64 Mtr ) | 1.75           |
|             |            |            |            |                                  | Total                               |  | 1.75           |



7. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division has inspected the project site on 15-12-2017 and has reported the following:

1. Proposed area is the bare minimum and unavoidable.
2. Proposed forest area falls under as Eco-class-IV.
3. No tree is required to be felled. The proposed forest area is a linear strip with 274.08 m length and 64 m width for the power transmission line.
4. The proposed area does not form part of any declared National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, and Tiger reserve or Elephant corridor.
5. There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna in the proposed area.
6. There are no protected / archaeological / heritage sites / defence / establishments located in the proposed area.
7. The forest is not vulnerable to erosion.
8. There is no violation reported under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

**3. Report of CCF, Bengaluru Circle:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru has inspected the site on 28-12-2017 and has recommended the proposal for acceptance duly agreeing with the recommendations of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara and submitted the report (Part-III) and uploaded it online vide reference (4). The recommendation is as follows.

*"The proposed diversion of 1.75 hectare of Rampura Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest of Kanakapura Range, Ramanagara division of Karnataka State for construction of 765 KV S/c Transmission line from Darmapuri (Salem District), Tamil Nadu to Tumkur (Madugiri) Karnataka is recommended for approval since the requirement of area is un-avoidable, barest minimum and the proposal is in the general public interest and*



*helps in improvement of socio-economic status of the local people".*

- 4. Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara has identified double the area being diverted i.e. 3.50 hectare (1.75 hectare x 2times) of degraded forest land for raising of compensatory afforestation at Survey number 76 of Bairashattihalli Village, Channapatna Range, Narikallugudda State Forest, Ramanagara Division as per the special provisions laid down in guidelines for Central Government Project vide para 3.2 (ix) of Forest (Conservation) Rule 2003 regarding raising of Compensatory Afforestation. The User Agency has given an undertaking to bear the cost of CA. Further, the Deputy Conservator of Forests has submitted the Toposheet map, Village Map, CA Suitability Certificate and Compensatory Afforestation Scheme of the degraded forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation.
- 5. Net Present Value (NPV):** The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land being diverted under this proposal as per conditions stipulated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 13-02-2014 and Orders dated 28-03-2008 and 09-05-2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in I.A.No. 826 in I.A. 566 in WP(C) No. 202/1995. User Agency has agreed to pay the charges towards Net Present Value (NPV) and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard.
- 6. Status of RoFR:** With regard to compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act 2006 (No.2 of 2007) and Rules 2008, the User Agency has not furnished copies of requisite Certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of



Environment and Forest, New Delhi vide letter No. 11-9/1198-FC(Pt) dated 03-08-2009/05-07-2013 in Form-I & II.

Under the above circumstances and agreeing with recommendation of the field officers, it is requested to move the proposal with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru, for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for a period of thirty (30) years, subject to conditions listed in Annexure 'A' and production of certificate of Forest Rights Act, 2006 compliance (in original).

The proforma particulars along with the relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted herewith for kind perusal and further action.

Yours faithfully



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara for information. As per Rule 3(e) and (f) of the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2014 vide notification dated 14-03-2014 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the District Collector shall complete the process for settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, obtain consent of the Grama Sabha/s, wherever required, and forward his findings in the format specified by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide letter No. 11-9/1198-FC(Pt) dated 03-08-2009/05-07-2013 within thirty (30) days to the (Chief) Conservator

of Forests under intimation to this office as per the Forest (Conservation) Rules. Accordingly, you may take action to furnish RoFR certificate in Form-I.


Copy to the Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, SRTS-II, RHQ, Near RTO Driving Test Track, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District for information and necessary action regarding submission of the RoFR certificate from the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara at the earliest.

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### ANNEXURE 'A'

1. The legal status of Forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be as forest land.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised at the cost of User Agency over degraded forest area twice the extent of forest area being diverted at the rate prevailing at the time of approval (at present it is Rs.2,72,000/- per ha.) or any extent as approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
3. Production of requisite Certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi vide letter No. 11-9/1198-FC(Pt) dated 03-08-2009 & 05-07-2013 in Form-I for compliance under Recognition of Forests Rights (RoFR) Act 2006
4. The lease tenure is for a period of 30 (thirty) years.
5. The lessee shall pay lease rent as fixed by the Government from time to time.
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 one year or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area should be resumed to the Forest Department.
7. In case any violation reported during the lease period, the lease shall be forfeited under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
8. No residential buildings shall be permitted in the proposed forest area.
9. The Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Rules, 1969 and other relevant Acts & Rules will be applicable for any violation.
10. The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land diverted under this proposal as per Orders dated 28-3-2008 and 9-5-2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
11. The User Agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available fauna and other flora.
12. Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission lines shall be carried out at the User Agency's cost.
13. Felling / pollarding / Pruning of trees will be done with permission of the local forest officers, wherever necessary for preventing electrical hazards.
14. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out appropriately at the cost of user agency.
15. All precautions shall be taken to ensure fire protection to the forest when the transmission line is being laid.
16. Below each conductor, width of 3 mts. would be permitted for taking the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest office wherever necessary to maintain the electrical distance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.
17. Any damage to forest area due to construction of transmission lines shall be compensated by the User Agency. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.
18. No crushing / breaking of stones shall be allowed inside forest area.
19. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
20. All waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
21. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage & hypothecate the forest area.
22. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
23. The User Agency shall also abide by all the conditions herein or fresh conditions imposed by Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force).

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



**PART – IV**

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

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| <p>Detailed opinion &amp; specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p>(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).</p> | <p>Submitted for approval for diversion of 1.75 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.1 of Rampura Karuvinahatti Village, Karuvinahatti Kaval Reserved Forest of Kanakapura Range, Ramanagara Division for establishing 765 KV S/C Transmission line from Darmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri (Tumkur) covering the States of Tamilnadu and Karnataka in favour of the Chief Manager, Powergrid NM Transmission Limited, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.</p> |
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Signature:

Name:

Designation:



**JAGMOHAN SHARMA IFS**

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

(Official Seal):

Counter signed by :

Name:

Designation:



**PUNATI SRIDHAR IFS**

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

(Official Seal):

N.D.O. No: 45/2017-18.

Date: 06-03-2018.

