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Date: 05-01-2019

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of **18.458 hectare** of forest land in Sy No. 6, 7, 8, 205, 210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy No. 152 of Siddapur, Sy No. 13 of Ramateertha and Sy No. 9, 25, 36 & 42 of Jamkhandi village, Jamakhnadi Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapura to Jamkhandi S/C line Corridor for a distance of 23.897 km in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) Bagalkot-reg. **Proposal No.: FP/KA/TRANS/16981/2015.**

Ref:

1. Online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 01-08-2017 (re-submitted) of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Bagalkot and uploading of Acknowledgement by User agency on 17-02-2018 for having delivered hard copies of proposal to jurisdictional DCF & DC.
2. This office online communication dated 27-02-2018 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot.
3. Online submission of PART-II by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot to Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle on 04-04-2018 r/w reply dated 04-10-2018 of User Agency to latest EDS of Division Office [Letter No. NIL dated 16-10-2018].
4. Online submission of PART-III by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi to Nodal Officer on 29-10-2018 and reply dated 22-12-2018 to EDS of Nodal Officer [Letter No.A7/LND/FCP/TL/BGK/CR-14/2014-15 dated 31-10-2018].

1. The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bagalkot [User Agency] vide reference (1) has submitted an online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] through FC web portal for

diversion of **18.458 hectare** of forest land in Sy No. 6, 7, 8, 205, 210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy No. 152 of Siddapur, Sy No. 13 of Ramateertha and Sy No. 9, 25, 36 & 42 of Jamkhandi village, Jamakhnadi Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapura to Jamkhandi S/C line Corridor for a distance of 23.897 km seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After uploading of Acknowledgement on 17-02-2018 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional DCF & DC, an online communication was made by the Nodal Officer vide reference (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot to process the said proposal and to submit specific opinion / recommendation.

- 2. Location and Component-wise break up:** Location of the forest land proposed for diversion and the project components are given below.

District, Taluk, Hobli	Village	Sy No.	Length of Transmission line corridor (m)	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal Status of land
Bagalkot District, Jamkhandi Taluk, Teradal & Jamakhandi Hobli	Kallahalli	6	1346	2.9612	Reserved Forest
		7	684	1.5048	
		8	603	1.3266	
		205	390	0.858	
		210	790	1.738	
		219	509	1.1198	
	Ramateertha	13	1108	2.4376	
	Siddapura	152	289	0.6358	
	Jamkhandi	9	362	0.7964	
		25	530	1.166	
		36	176	0.3872	
		42	1603	3.5266	
Total				18.458	

- 3. Report of DCF, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot has inspected the project site on 23-03-2018 and vide

reference (3) has submitted the Site Inspection Report along with other information in PART-II to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi. In the said report, the DCF has recommended the proposal for consideration. Main features of the DCF report r/w with the reports of the CCF, Belagavi Circle and ICT Centre of the Forest Department are given below.

- a. The forest area proposed for diversion is in Eco-class-IV (open scrub forest) and has 10% canopy density. *[Note: The density entry made in Item 4(i) of PART-II may be read accordingly.]*
 - b. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there is no tree felling required on the forest land proposed for diversion.
 - c. The forest area proposed for diversion does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger reserve or Elephant corridor.
 - d. The wild animals found in the area include the Fox and Jackal.
 - e. There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna in the proposed area.
 - f. There are no protected/ archeological/ heritage sites/ defence establishments located in the proposed area.
 - g. Proposed area is the bare minimum and unavoidable.
 - h. There is no violation reported under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
4. **Report of CCF, Belagavi Circle:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle has inspected the site on 16-10-2018 and agreeing with the recommendation made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle has also recommended the project and has submitted his opinion in PART-III uploaded online vide reference (4).
5. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** Government of India FC Guidelines para 3.2 (vi)(a) provide for raising CA on degraded forest land twice in extent of forest area being diverted in case of transmission lines upto 220 KV. Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot has identified 39.916 hectare of degraded forest land in Sy No. 42 of Jamakhandi village and has uploaded the relevant KML file, Topo Map & Georeferenced Map and GPS readings of all corners of the proposed CA land in PART-II. The User Agency is required to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation over such land. In this regard, **the User Agency has agreed to pay the CA charges and has submitted an Undertaking to that effect.**
6. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The User Agency is liable to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of 18.458 hectare forest land being diverted under this proposal in accordance with the 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 and as per the conditions stipulated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide letter F. No. 5-3/2007-FC Dated 05-02-2009. **The User Agency has agreed to pay the charges towards Net Present Value (NPV) and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard.**

7. **Status of RoFR compliance:** With regard to compliance to the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act 2006 and Rules 2008, the User Agency has obtained and uploaded the required certificate issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District vide No. LND/CR-167/18-19 Dated 08-08-2018 in Additional Information Details Item in PART-I.

Under the above circumstances and agreeing with recommendation of the field officers, it is requested to move to the Government of India seeking *in-principle* (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 18.458 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 6, 7, 8, 205, 210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy No. 152 of Siddapur, Sy No. 13 of Ramateertha and Sy No. 9, 25, 36 & 42 of Jamkhandi village, Jamakhnadi Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapura to Jamkhandi S/C line Corridor for a distance of 23.897 km in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bagalkot for a period of 30 years, subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'.

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, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for information action.


Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot for necessary action.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, 1st floor, Zonal Complex, Sector No. 45, Navanagar, Bagalkot-587103 for information.

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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), cost of extraction of trees if any, 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 User Agency shall provide the Display Boards of appropriate dimension and prominently displayed within lease area indicating the GOI approval and GOK orders sanctioning the lease under FC Act, Lease extent and Lease Validity period in the Transmission line corridor falling in each village in consultation with jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests at project cost.
5. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage & hypothecate the forest area.
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 would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
7. 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 leased forest land.
8. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
9. No crushing / breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed inside forest area and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
10. 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.
11. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
12. No change in 'Land Use Plan' shall be done unless prior approval of Government of India under FC Act is obtained.
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 and/or 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.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

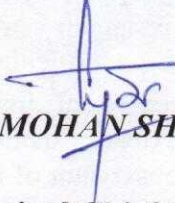
PART – IV

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

<p>Detailed opinion & 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>Recommended for diversion of 18.458 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 6, 7, 8, 205, 210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy No. 152 of Siddapur, Sy No. 13 of Ramateertha and Sy No. 9, 25, 36 & 42 of Jamkhandi village, Jamakhnadi Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapura to Jamkhandi S/C line Corridor for a distance of 23.897 km in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bagalkot for a period of 30 years, subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'. [Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/16981/2015]</p>
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Signature:

Name:


JAGMOHAN SHARMA IFS

Designation:

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

(Official Seal):

Counter signed by :

Name:


PUNATI SRIDHAR IFS

Designation:

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

(Official Seal):

N.D.O. No. 38/2018-19.

Date: 07-01-2019

