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No: EEE/KDPR/AEEO/AET/2021-22/8172-75

dated: 22nd October-21.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)
2nd floor, Aranya Bhavan
18th cross, Malleshwaram
Bengaluru-560003
E-mail: pccfwl@gmail.com

Respected Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.93 hectare (revised from 4.90551 ha) of forest land in Kalthodu village Sy No.346 and Golihole village Sy. No. 44,78,164 & 167, Byndoor taluk, Udupi District (Kundapura Forest Division) for laying of 33KV H/T line from Kambadakone to Kollur passing through Kambadakone, Heranjai, Kalthodu and Golihole villages for a total length of 17.924 km (with a forest segment of 4.294 km) in favour of Executive Engineer, MESCOM Kundapura-Resubmission of the proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/46242/2020 with compliance to the EDS query raised by Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)-reg.

Ref:

1. Letter No: 4-KRB1299/2021-BAN/251 dated 16th July 2021 by Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Gol, Bengaluru to ACS, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, GoK, Bengaluru [EDS query].
2. Letter No: A.pa. ji 40 FLL 2021[E] dated 15.09.2021 by Under Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department (Forest-C), GoK, Bengaluru to PCCF (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavana, Bengaluru.
3. E-Office file No: KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/9/2018-FC dated 01.10.2021 by PCCF (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA) to the CCF, Mangalore circle, Mangalore with a copy to this office.

With reference to the above subject, in the forest clearance proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/46242/2020, submitted for the diversion of 4.93 ha of forest land for the purpose of construction of proposed 33KV line passing through the locations mentioned in the subject, Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Gol, Bengaluru vide letter cited in ref (1) has raised EDS query & asked to furnish the information on 03 issues.

Further, for the same reason above said forest proposal has been returned vide the letter cited in ref (3) to the PCCF (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA) to the CCF, Mangalore circle, Mangalore & in turn to MESCOM for necessary action. EDS number 2 is reproduced below.

"EDS No.2- Since the proposed transmission line is passing through Eco-Sensitive Zone of Mookambika wildlife sanctuary, the comments of Chief Wildlife Warden on mitigation measures, if any, may be furnished"

Therefore EDS number 2 above mandates MESCOM to get the comments of Chief Wildlife Warden on mitigation measures in wildlife area.

Further it is hereby certified that to mitigate any severe impact on wildlife, necessary relays, tripping circuits, protection equipment's as per IE standards are maintained at source stations. Also entire 33KV line is made provision with covered conductor in the estimate while passing through eco sensitive zone. Hence this office is of the opinion that, commissioning of this proposed 33KV covered cable line will not pose any dangers in eco sensitive zone.

This is to bring to your kind notice that, MESCOM in no profit basis has proposed to extend quality, reliable power supply to the existing electricity consumers in and around Kollur limits & requested for the diversion of minimum forest land. MESCOM has furnished the undertaking agreeing to pay the compensatory afforestation charges & Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.

Hence, it is requested your kind self to issue necessary comments on mitigating measures in eco sensitive zone and & help in obtaining the required forest clearance at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(Rakesh B.)

Executive Engineer (EI)

O&M Division, MESCOM Kundapura

Copy to:

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Encl: Copy of the letter in ref (4).

To,

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4. T.O letter No: EEE/AEE (O)/AE-T/21-22/3522-23/09.07.2021 to your office, furnishing the declaration on alternatives examined & the reasons for their rejection.

With reference to the above subject, in the forest clearance proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/46242/2020, submitted for the diversion of 4.93 ha of forest land for the purpose of construction of proposed 33KV line passing through the locations mentioned in the subject, Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Gol, Bengaluru videletter cited in ref (1) has raised EDS query & asked to furnish the information on 03 issues. Further, for the same reason above said forest proposal has been returned vide the letter cited in ref (3) to the PCCF (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA) to the CCF, Mangalore circle, Mangalore & in turn to this office for necessary action.

After going through all the 3 issues raised, parawise comments and compliance is tabulated below for your kind needful.

EDS No. 1- Details of alternatives examined & the reasons for their rejection.

- This office has already furnished the details of alternatives considered & the reason for their rejection vide the letter cited in ref (4).
- There are only 2 No's routes through which proposed 33KV line can be taken.
- A) route-1 starting from Navunda passing through Heranjal, Koorsegudde till Halkal.
- B) and route-2 starting from Kambadakone, shedigudde passing through Kalthodu, Koorsegudde till Halkal.
- In practical, route-1 covers dense forests with heavy trees. Extending of 33KV line in this route requires diversion of around 16.29 hectares of forest land along with felling of more than 150 heavy trees which is not feasible.

- However, extending of 33KV line in route-2 requires diversion of only 4.93 hectares of forest land along with felling of lesser number of trees, which proves feasible and best option considering the very importance of trees for maintaining ecological balance.
- Hence it was decided to drop route-1 considering the huge amount of deforestation, economic viability. Copy of the letter under ref (4) is once again attached herewith for your kind reference.

EDS No.2- Since the proposed transmission line is passing through Eco-Sensitive Zone of Mookambika wildlife sanctuary, the comments of Chief Wildlife Warden on mitigation measures, if any, may be furnished.

- It is hereby clarified that proposed 33KV line does not pass inside Mookambika wildlife sanctuary. Letter in this regard is written to Chief Wildlife Warden, Aranya bhavan, Bengaluru for issuing necessary certificate. Further it is to be noted that to mitigate any severe impact on wildlife, necessary relays, tripping circuits, protection equipment's as per IE standards are made maintained at source stations. **However covered conductor is made provision in the estimate while passing 33KV line in eco sensitive zone.**

EDS No.3- Felling of trees in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Mookambika wildlife sanctuary is a regulated activity. Therefore, approval of the Eco-Sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee may be furnished.

- This is to bring to your kind notice that, MESCOM in no profit basis has proposed to extend quality, reliable power supply to the existing electricity consumers in and around Kollur limits & requested for the diversion of minimum forest land. MESCOM has furnished the undertaking agreeing to pay the compensatory afforestation charges & Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.
- The procedure of forming eco sensitive zone committee, guidelines & also the appointment committee members etc., does not come within powers vested with this office. Hence for obtaining approval from Eco-Sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee, it is requested your kind self to forward proposal to higher authorities to consider the request & recommend for exemption from obtaining Eco-Sensitive Zone clearance.

In the process of online proposal submission for seeking diversion of forest land for our most ambitious project, your office support & guidance is most admirable. Hence, it is once again requested your kind self to consider our request & help up in obtaining the required clearance at the earliest.

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