

CENTRAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE

Constituted by the Hon'ble SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

F. No: 1-26/CEC/SC/2023 Pt.68

Dated: 17.04.2023

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (FEE), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

Subject: Record of Discussions of the meeting taken by CEC on 13.04.2023 regarding clarification sought by the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka relating to laying of Goa Tamnar 400 KV D/C Cord transmission line passing through the forests of Karnataka.

Sir.

The Record of Discussions of the meeting taken by CEC on 13.04.2023 regarding clarification sought by the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka relating to laying of Goa Tamnar 400 KV D/C Cord transmission line passing through the forests of Karnataka is enclosed herewith.

Yours Faithfully,

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- 2. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, New Delhi
- 3. The Director, Mines & Geology Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Bengaluru
- 5. The Deputy Director General, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
- 6. M/s Goa Tamnar Transmissions Projects Limited, New Delhi
- 7. Sh. A.D.N. Rao, Senior Advocate and Amicus Curiae, New Delhi
- 8. All Members of CEC

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RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE MEETING TAKEN BY CEC ON 13.4.2023 REGARDING CLARIFICATION SOUGHT BY THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA RELATING TO LAYING OF GOA TAMNAR 400 KV D/C CORD TRANSMISSION LINE PASSING THROUGH THE FORESTS OF KARNATAKA.

The list of participants is at Annexure.

2. The meeting has been convened on the request of the Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department who has sought clarifications relating to the recommendations made by the CEC in Report No.6 of 2021 dated 23.4.2021 in I.A. No. 1440 in W.P. (C) No. 202 of 1995. In the said Report CEC has recommended as follows:

"Accordingly the project proposal in respect of Karnataka part will require to be suitably amended so as to make use of the existing 110/220 KV line corridor."

This recommendation of the CEC has been accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court by order dated 07.04.2022.

- 3. The State Government has informed CEC that part of the 110 KV line connecting Supa sub-station with Ponda in Goa is being used in Karnataka side except for the eight towers falling over a stretch of 2.5 kms between Anmod in Karnataka and the inter-state boundary. However, the 220 KV line between Ambewadi in Karnataka and Ponda in Goa will become defunct on execution of the proposed 400 KV line.
- 4. The Project Proponent has submitted three alternate alignments for drawing the 400 KV line falling in Karnataka. All the three proposals involve replacement of existing eight defunct towers with 400 KV towers along a stretch of 2.5 km of 110 KV line starting from Goa Inter-State boundary towards Karnataka. From this point three optional alignments have been proposed of which two alignments are along the existing 220 KV line and both alignments turn towards the left side at two different locations before rejoining the original alignment to Narendra. According to the State Government of Karnataka the proposed two alignments along the 220 KV line will involve more forest land and will also mean traversing longer distance through the forest.

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5. It was clarified that the CEC has not examined any of these proposed alignments in the State of Karnataka. In fact examination by the CEC was limited to the State of Goa only. A decision as to the most appropriate alignment for the proposed 400 KV transmission line in Karnataka will require to be taken by the State Govt. of Karnataka after considering the technical feasibility of drawing 400 KV line upto Narendra, the extent of forests involved and the number of trees to be cut in each of the three alignments and the impact of each of these options on the wildlife and ecology of the area.

Keeping in view the above the State Government may accordingly take a decision in this regard and thereafter recommend the proposal for diversion of the forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Goa-Tamnar 400 KV D/C Quad Transmission Line (LILO Project) in favour of Manager, Goa- Tamnar transmission Project Ltd., F1 Mira Corporate Suite, Main Mathura Road, Iswar Nagar, New Delhi (CEC Report No. 6/2021) Meeting held on 13th April, 2023 regarding diversion of 177.091 ha. of forest land in Devalli, Payasawadi, Atle and 21 other villages in Dharwad, Haliyal, Dandeli Wildlife (Kali Tiger Reserve) and Belagavi Division (s) for laying of

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