

Warora-Kurnool Transmission Limited

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Ref: WKTL/W-CPeta/2017/40

Date: 16th January, 2018

To,
The Addl.PCCF cum Nodal Officer,
Office of PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh,
Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

Subject: Forest diversion Proposal for 18.86 Ha of Forest land in Guntur Forest division for Non Forest purpose i.e. Construction of Warangal (New) – Chilakaluripeta 765kV D/C transmission Line constructed by Warora Warangal Transmission Limited (**Proposal No - FP/AP/TRANS/27462/2017**) – **Clarification and justification for opting degraded forest land in double area for Compensatory Afforestation.**

Ref:

1. Our Proposal No - FP/AP/TRANS/27462/2017 regarding Diversion of 18.86Ha of Forest Land in Guntur Division for construction of Warangal (New) – Chilakaluripeta 765kV D/C transmission Line.
2. MoEF&CC guideline dated F.No.11-68/2014-FC(pt.) dated 11th July 2014

Dear Sir,

We would like to express our sincere thanks to your good office for the support and guidance rendered to us till date on the above subject.

In reference to the diversion of 18.86Ha of forest land for the construction of Warangal (New) – Chilakaluripeta 765kV D/C transmission Line in Guntur Division, we have submitted an online application on MoEF&CC portal (Proposal No FP/AP/TRANS/27462/2017). We would like to justify and clarify our stand regarding the Compensatory afforestation against our diversion proposal

Earlier according to Forest Conservation Act 1980 provides that as an exception to para 3.2(i), compensatory afforestation may be raised over degraded forest land twice in extent of forest area being diverted in respect of the proposal for laying of transmission line up to 220kV. Accordingly, all lines above 400kV Transmission line were required to provide equivalent non forest land for Compensatory afforestation. Thereafter a guideline was issued vide F.No.11-68/2014-FC(pt.) dated 11th July 2014 regarding the amendment of clause 3.2(vi)(c), stating that for all transmission line Compensatory afforestation will be raised on degraded forest land twice the extent of forest area diverted.

The same guidelines are being followed irrespective of legal status of User Agency. Few example of the same being followed are as below:

1. Proposal No FP/TG/TRANS/17951/2016 in Telangana State
2. Proposal No FP/OR/TRANS/20956/2016 in Odisha State
3. Proposal No FP/JH/TRANS/14843/2014 in Jharkhand State

Accordingly, we have also requested for raising Compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land twice the area diverted. In view of above, we request you to kindly accept our proposal and forward the case to Division for further process.



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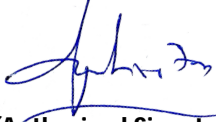
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We need your kind support and enable us timely completion of inter-state transmission line project "Warangal - Cpeta Transmission line associated with Warora Kurnool Transmission Limited (WKTL) as this is an important project. This project is monitored by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India and is a Project of National interest.

Thanking you.

Yours' faithfully

For Warora-Kurnool Transmission Ltd.



(Authorized Signatory)

Rajnish Mehrotra

Head Environment Forest & Wildlife

Encl:

1. MoEF&CC guideline dated F.No.11-68/2014-FC(pt.) dated 11th July 2014
2. Proposal No FP/TG/TRANS/17951/2016 in Telangana State - Form A Part I and Part II, Inprincipal approval (Stage I) received from MoEF&CC regional office Chennai.



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F.No.4-TSC022/2016-CHN/2023
Dated 14th October, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad

Subject: Diversion of 15.625 ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV D/C Nizamabad-Yeddumailaram Transmission line at Nizamabad to the existing 400/200 KV SS of TSTRANSCO in favour of M/s Maheshwaram Transmission Ltd., Hyderabad-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.3588/For.I(1)/2016-1 dated 08.09.2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and as per the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 15.625 ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV D/C Nizamabad-Yeddumailaram Transmission line at Nizamabad to the existing 400/200 KV SS of TSTRANSCO in favour of M/s Maheshwaram Transmission Ltd., Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost before Stage II approval.
3. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over identified degraded forest land shall be deposited by the User Agency.
4. The compensatory afforestation work & its maintenance shall be carried out by the State Forest Department in the entire identified degraded forest land over 31.25 ha in Compt.No. 585 & 586 of Khannapur RF, Kamareddy Range.

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5. Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 15.625 ha from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
7. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
8. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Telangana State CAMPA. **The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website**
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
10. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling.
11. User agency shall ensure that the labourers, staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora and fauna.
12. State Forest Department shall carry out raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line at the cost of User Agency.
13. User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFO, Kamareddy Division.
14. User agency shall carryout mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion at the project cost.
15. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
16. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sub leased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.

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17. The height of the line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to the normal level.
18. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 15.625 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
20. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Government of India shall be complied with by the User Agency.
21. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.
22. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly.
23. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)


Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.

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3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The Deputy Secretary, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. M/s Maheshwaram Transmission Ltd, D.No. 7-1/SR/25P, Opp Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nallagandala, Serilingampalli, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500049.
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