

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No.M1/MNG/RCPL/Transmission/220 KV/2022-23

Dt.20.01.2023

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of Forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for Construction of 220 KV Transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-Station to Somalapura RPCL Project site in favour of M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur - regarding.,

Ref: 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022 [FORM-A]

- 2) Proposal received electronically on 13.09.2021 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore
- 3)M/s.Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur letter Dt.20.06.2022
- 4) This office even number letter Dt.24.06.2022.
- 5) Letter No. RFO/SSR/RPCL/Transmission/220KV/2022-23/193 Dt.03.08.2022 of the Range Forest officer, Sandur South Range, Sandur
- 6) Letter No. ACF/TA/B/RPCL/220 KV/2022-23 Dt.08.08.2022 of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari

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With reference to the above subject, the M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has submitted proposal for diversion of Forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for Construction of 220 KV Transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-Station to Somalapura RPCL Project site in favour of M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur vide online proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022 [FORM-A]. The Nodal officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru has scrutinized the said proposal and forwarded the same in the online portal. The UA has submitted hard copy of the proposal vide letter under Ref (3).

In this regard, office of the undersigned has directed the Range Forest officer, Sandur South Range to conduct field verification through Joint Survey and submit complete proposal for diversion of Forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for Construction of 220 KV Transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-Station to Somalapura RPCL Project site in favour of M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur.

Accordingly, the Range Forest Officer, Sandur South Range and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari have submitted their report vide letter under Ref (5) & (6). A perusal of the records submitted and upon personal visit to the proposed site on 26th August, 2022, following aspects about the said diversion proposal are observed;

• Extent of Proposal: The user Agency has submitted proposal for diversion of 5.1734 ha of forest land. Proposed component wise details of Area sought for diversion is as following;

Village and Survey number wise details of the proposed Area for diversion are following;

Survey No. wise Village-wise Area								
Village	Sy. No.	Length (mtr)	Width (mtr)	Area (Ha.)	Remarks /Status			
Ankamanahalu	1/B	321.69	35	2.9229	Proposed area falls in Reserved Forest			
Somalapura	165/B	1156.41	35	2.2505				
Total	1478.10	35	5.1734					

- Net Present Value (NPV): The NPV amount has been revised as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Dt: 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009, 06.01.2022, 19.01.2022 & 23.02.2022. (i.e.Rs.12,28,590/per hectares). Hence, the NPV amount (Rs. 63,55,988/-) as per existing rates may be recovered from lessee i.e. M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur for an extent of 5.1734 ha. In this regard, M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has submitted the undertaking stating that, they would pay such charges as decided by the Government.
- Compensatory Afforestation (CA): M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has identified the following CA land for Raising of Compensatory Afforestation.

Sl. No.	District	Taluk	Village	Survey number	Extent proposed (In hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1		~ 1	Malapura	10/2	1.52
2	Ballari	Sandur		10/A	4.33
-		5.85			

Above CA land has not been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has agreed to make payment for Compensatory Afforestation Charges. In this regard, the User Agency has given the undertaking to this effect.

- Certificate in Form-I under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the Deputy Commissioner has not been issued. However, M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has requested Deputy Commissioner, Ballari for issuance of the same vide letter Dt.07.07.2022. Copy of the request letter is enclosed with the proposal.
- The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve and elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 26.10 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 23.45 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 12.89 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 11.57 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

The User Agency, in the report submitted by them has stated to have explored alternate options for the proposed transmission line. The details as furnished by the UA in this regard are summarized and tabulated as hereunder (Map enclosed with the proposal);

Sl. No	220 KV Line route Explored	Approx. Length in KM	Width in M	Forest Area involvement (in Ha)	Remark
1	Route-1 (BLUE)	27.900	35	5.1734	Least forest area involvement, hence proposed for diversion
2	Alignment-2 (Purple)	28.605	35	9,681	Forest Area
3	Alignment-3 (Green)	28.267	35	9.681	Forest Area

Further, while stating that the route at Sl. No. 1 is proposed to be taken up as it involves the least forest area proposed to be diverted and that with less vegetation, the UA has justified the proposed alignment for its proximity to existing roads so that the least disturbance is caused to the Forest.

The proposal for diversion of Forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for Construction of 220 KV Transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-Station to Somalapura RPCL Project site in favour of M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur is submitted for further consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This is submitted for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari

1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for kind information.

 Copy to M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, No.2198, BKG House, KHB Colony, Sandur – 583 119for information.

Deputy Conservator of Forests,

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