

Ltr. No. DCF/VDH/Renew Green/2022-23

Dated: 29.12.2022

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.338 Ha of Forest land for Construction of 7.005 kms of 33 KV D/C Transmission line from the proposed 220/33 KV Pooling Substation at Kakkuppi village to the proposed windfarm in Sy.No.286, 368, 283, 282, 280, 301, 302, 304, 306 and 314 of Kakkuppi Village in Kudligi Taluk and Sy.No.229 of Agrahara Village Kudligi Taluk in Ballari Forest Division of Karnataka State in favour of M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited -reg.,

- Ref: 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/TRANS/154485/2022 [FORM-A]
2) Proposal received electronically on 12.10.2022 from of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore
3) M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited letter Dt.14.10.2022
4) Letter No.No.M1/MNG/Renew Green/2022-23(FC No.154485)
Dt. 12.10.2022 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari
5) Letter No. ACF/KSD/Renew Green2022-23 Dt.23.11.2022 & 26.12.2022 of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Kudligi Sub-Division, Kudligi

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With reference to the above subject, the M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited has submitted proposal for diversion of 4.338 ha of Forest land for Construction of 7.005 kms of 33 KV D/C Transmission line from the proposed 220/33 KV Pooling Substation at Kakkuppi village to the proposed windfarm in Sy.No.286, 368, 283, 282, 280, 301, 302, 304, 306 and 314 of Kakkuppi Village in Kudligi Taluk and Sy.No.229 of Agrahara Village Kudligi Taluk in Ballari Forest Division of Karnataka State in favour of M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited vide online proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/1554485/2022 [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, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari has directed the Range Forest officer, Kudligi Range to conduct field verification through Joint Survey and submit complete proposal for diversion of 4.338 ha of Forest land for Construction of 7.005 kms of 33 KV D/C Transmission line from the proposed 220/33 KV Pooling Substation at Kakkuppi village to the proposed windfarm in Sy.No.286, 368, 283, 282, 280, 301, 302, 304, 306 and 314 of Kakkuppi Village in Kudligi Taluk and Sy.No.229 of Agrahara Village Kudligi Taluk in Ballari Forest Division of Karnataka State in favour of M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited.

Accordingly, the Range Forest Officer, Kudligi Range and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Kudligi 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 15 December, 2022, following aspects about the said diversion proposal are observed;

- **Extent of Proposal:** The user Agency has submitted proposal for diversion of 4.338 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 as following;

Survey No. wise Village-wise Area					
Village	Sy. No.	Length (mtr)	Width (mtr)	Area (Ha.)	Remarks /Status
Kakkuppi	286	21	15	0.031	Proposed area falls in Kakkuppi RF
	368 (old Sy.No. 286)	120	15	0.18	
	283	149	15	0.224	
	282	194.88	15	0.292	
	280	183.29	15	0.274	
	301	117.90	15	0.176	
	302	20.07	15	0.0301	
	304	22.66	15	0.033	
	306	357.05	15	0.536	
	314	595.15	15	0.892	
Agrahara	229 (old Sy.No. 614)	1111	15	1.67	
Total		2892		4.338	

- **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. (i.e.Rs.6,70,140/- per hectares). Hence, the NPV amount (Rs. 29,07,067/-) as per existing rates may be recovered from lessee i.e. M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited for an extent of 4.338 ha. M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited has submitted the undertaking stating they would pay such charges as decided by the Government.
- **Compensatory Afforestation:** As per Para No. 2.5 (i) (a) of Chapter No.2 of Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the User Agency has to pay CA charges for raising of Compensatory Afforestation on degraded forest land twice in extant of the forest area diverted. Further, the User Agency has submitted the undertaking to this effect. In this regard, the degraded forest land has identified in Sy.No.435(Palayyanakote Forest block-3) of Sunkadakallu Village, Kudligi Range, Vijayanagara District over an extent of 8.676 hectares (4.338 X 2 = 8.676 ha)
- Certificate in Form-I under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the Deputy Commissioner is not been issued. However, M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited has requested Deputy Commissioner, Vijayanagara for issuance of the same vide letter Dt.27.09.2022. 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 40.80 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 40.4 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 6.78 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 2.18 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 b/w the said solar and wind power generation units. The details as furnished by the UA in this regard are summarized and tabulated as hereunder (Map enclosed with the proposal);

Sl. No	33 KV Line Alignment Explored	Approx Length in KM	Width in M	Forest Area involvement (in Ha)	Remark
1	Alignment-1 (Purple)	5.759	15	6.30	Forest Area
2	Alignment-2 (Green)	7.005	15	4.338	Least forest area involvement, hence proposed for diversion
3	Alignment-3 (BLUE)	7.849	15	5.178	Forest Area

Further, stating that the alignment at Sl. No. 2 is proposed to be taken up as it involves the least forest area proposed to be diverted and that with less vegetation. The UA also justify the proposed alignment for its proximity to existing roads so that least disturbance is caused while executing the proposed transmission line.

The proposal for diversion of 4.338 ha of Forest land for Construction of 7.005 kms of 33 KV D/C Transmission line from the proposed 220/33 KV Pooling Substation at Kakkuppi village to the proposed windfarm in Sy.No.286, 368, 283, 282, 280, 301, 302, 304, 306 and 314 of Kakkuppi Village in Kudligi Taluk and Sy.No.229 of Agrahara Village Kudligi Taluk in Ballari Forest Division of Karnataka State in favour of M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited is forwarded 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,
Vijayanagara Division, Hospet

- 1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for kind information.
- 2) Copy with compliments to DCF Ballari with request to upload the same in PARIVESH Portal as this is an old proposal & online link is in Ballari DCF login.(Soft Copy of file attached).
- 3) Copy to M/s. Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited for information.

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