

ಉತ್ತರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಸಭೆಯ ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
Office of the Deputy Conservator
Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad
Phone:(Off) - 0836-2447092



ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ,
ಕ.ಸಿ.ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಎಡುರಿಗೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
-580008, Forest Complex, Opposite,
K.C Park Dharwad.
email: dcf_dwd@yahoo.co.in

No: C3/Goa Tamnar/Transmission/CR-32/2019-20

Date: 29/11/2025

To,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

Forest Conservation (FC) and

Nodal officer (FCA),

Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 177.091 hectare of Forest land in Devalli, Payaswadi, Atle and 21 other villages in Dharwad, Haliyal Dandeli Wildlife (Kali Tiger Reserve) and Belagavi Divisions) for laying of Goa-tamnar 400 Kv Dc Quad Transmission line (I.H.O Project) in favor of manager, Goa-Transmission Project Limited. F1 Mira Corporate Suite. Main Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi

Ref 1. Letter from Government of Karnataka Dated: 03-05-2025.

- 2.** Letter from office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Conservation (FC) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru Dated: 17-06-2025
- 3.** Letter from User agency dated: 11-09-2025
- 4.** Letter from User agency dated: 26-11-2025

With respect to aboveforesaid subject, vide reference (1) Government of Karnataka had instructed to reduce the number of trees to be cut down for the project using modern technology. Vide ref (2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Conservation (FC) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru had instructed the same to all the circles and divisions involved.

Later, upon communication with the user agency regarding this matter, user agency in their letter vide ref (3) dated: 11-09-2025 have said that they have reduced the number of trees to be cut for the project from 72,000 to 13,954 trees by using modern technology.

However, the user agency did not give the breakup of the 13,954 trees that are to be cut for the project across divisions. Hence, a clarification was sought from this office. The user agency vide ref (4) had clarified that only 560 trees are now required to be cut for the project in Dharwad division instead of 2301 which was given earlier. They have also given an undertaking stating that the total trees required to be felled shall not exceed 560 of the total enumerated trees (2301) under Dharwad Division.

So, as per the letter and undertaking from the user agency, by adopting new technology they have reduced the tree cutting from 2301 to 560 trees in Dharwad Division. Letter cited under ref (4) and the undertaking given by the user agency are enclosed for your kind perusal. The recommendation letter, CA Details, Scheme, KML Files, etc. are kept as it is and sent to PARIVESH login for kind information and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Dharwad Division, Dharwad

Goa-Tamnar Transmission Project Limited

1/Sea Breeze Aptt., DB Marg, Miramar, Panji, Goa-403001

Ref No.- C3/Goa Tamnar/ Transmission/CR-32/2019-20

Date: 26.11.2025

To,

**The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Dharwad Forest Division,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore- 560001**

Sub: Diversion of 174.652 hectare of forest land in Dharwad, Haliyal, and Dandeli Wildlife divisions for laying of 400 kV D/C LILO Narendra-Xeldem Transmission Line of Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Limited in Karnataka.

Ref: As given below:

- 1) Government of Karnataka Letter Dated: 03-05-2025.
- 2) Letter from the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Dated: 17-06-2025.

Dear Sir,

1. We are in receipt of your letter dated 03/07/2025 ref. above, regarding the submission of the revised forest proposal to use alternative routes or using modern technology by the user agency to reduce the number of trees required to be felled.
2. In this respect it is submitted that the initial forest proposal was submitted in August 2018, subsequently in compliance with directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 07.04.2022, GTTPL submitted an amendment in the route alignment and submitted the modified proposal on 20 July 2022.
3. It is stated that multiple meetings were held at various levels to take decisions upon the route feasible as per the diversion of forest in the Karnataka State. Accordingly, for construction of NXTL, utilization of existing 220 kV Ambewadi-Ponda line was approved by Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd vide letter No: B19/33425/22-23 dated 8 September 2022.
4. Further a letter was received from DCF, Dandeli on 26 May 2023, regarding the concurrence on the final route as suggested by Karnataka Forest Department. Thus, meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary (Power), Govt of India was held on 06 June 2023 to discuss issues in 400kV NXTL line and it was decided that option-3 route suggested by Karnataka Forest Department is the final route and accordingly amendment to be done in forest & wildlife proposal. Basis this, a revised forest diversion proposal was submitted to concerned DCF offices on 5 July 2023 as an alternate route to minimize forest area.

2501
3/12/23-
01 DEC 2025

5. Thereafter, on 27 August 2024, Secretary, Ministry of Power reviewed the forest proposal for the "LILO of one circuit of Narendra (existing) - Narendra (New) 400 kV D/c quad line at Xeldem (Goa)." The Secretary, Power directed exploring technical options to minimize tree cutting and reduce the RoW corridor. Following this, the CEA approved a technical solution on 28 August 2024, and directed use of following technical solution:

- i. MCMV tower
- ii. Quad conductor
- iii. +6m extension towers
- iv. 200 m span, and
- v. 'V string insulator for suspension towers.

Copy of letter dated 28.08.2024 by CEA is attached and annexed as ***Annexure-I***.

6. It is stated that GTTPL will be using the above technical solution as approved by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), which will minimize the requirement of existing RoW corridor width for construction of NXTL line to 34 meters from existing 46 meters due to use of MCMV type tower and will help in optimization of tree felling and looping/chopping of trees in forest area. Further, no new corridor shall be required in this respect.

7. Additionally, the above technical solution will also minimize the impacted trees in the forest and Wildlife area. While the enumeration was for around 72,000 trees, presently, only 13954 trees are estimated to be impacted with adoption of modern technology. **Among these only 560 trees (earlier 2301 trees) will be required to be fell under Dharwad Forest Division.**

8. In view of the above, we wish to inform you that the directive given in your above referenced letter has already been fully incorporated into the revised proposal, as approved by the MoP & CEA. We therefore kindly request you to process our forest proposal for the subject transmission line at the earliest and obligatory.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,
For Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Limited



(Authorized Signatory)

Copy to:

UNDERTAKING

It is to certify that, we, “**Goa-Tamnar Transmission Project Ltd**” hereby undertake to adhere the guideline for felling of trees as prescribed in the Chapter 10 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 published in 2019 by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. Actual felling figures may be estimated during execution of the project at site in order to maintain sufficient electrical clearance and to avoid any electrical hazard. However, we hereby confirm that the total trees required to be felled *shall not exceed 560 of the total enumerated trees (2301 nos) under Dharwad Forest Division.*

Place: Panaji

Signature

Name:

Designation:

Address of Agency:



Nitin Agrawal
NITIN AGRAWAL
Chief Manager

Goa- Tamnar Transmission
Project Limited, 1, Sea Breeze Apt,
Dr. D.B. Road, Miramar, Panaji
Goa- 403001