RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND DIRECTOR, KALI TIGER RESERVE

GOA-TAMNAR TRANSMISSION LINE FC PROJECT

On 27-09-2023 I along with Assistant Conservator of Forests, Anshi Sub-Division, Range Forest Officer, Castle Rock Wildlife Range and field staff and officials of Goa Tamnar Transmission Line Project visited the field to inspect the proposed forest area for diversion of forest land for the project "Additional 400 KV feed to Goa State, additional system for power evacuation from generation project pooled at Raigarh (Tamnar) pool".

There is a proposal for diversion of 32.026 ha, of forest land in Castlerock range of Dandeli wildlife sanctuary for Goa – Tamnar 400 KV D/C Quad transmission line (LILO Project) in favour of Goa-Tamnar Transmission Projects Limited. The Proposed area comes under Eco-class-1 and is having 10810 no. of trees growth. The proposed area is part of Dandeli wildlife Sanctury. Protected archaeological/heritage site /Defence establishments or other important monuments are not located at the proposed site.

Voluntary village relocation scheme is being implemented in Kali Tiger Reserve. More than 150 hamlets are present inside the areas of Kali Tiger Reserve which needs to be relocated. Currently National Tiger Conservation Authority Package Option I -Payment of entire package amount (15 lakh per family) is being implemented. For the relocation of the people who are holding land and for the single families (Orphans, disabled persons etc.) different approaches are required to be undertaken. Thus for overall implementation of voluntary relocation scheme and post relocation works a corpus of 20 crore should be provided by user agency towards the district level relocation committee and Kali Tiger Conservation Foundation.

Hence after considering above observations, the diversion of 32.026 ha. of forest area in Castlerock wildlife range may be considered on recovery of NPV for diversion of forest land as per Forest Conservation act 1980.

Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director

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