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To, En. Daswara :- 3 ಸೆಟ್

17-03-2020

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department
M.S. Building, Bengaluru-560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.121 hectare of forest land in Kunuru Village Sy No. 36 & 37 (Arkavathi Minor Forest), Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District & Forest Division for laying of 66 KV SC line on DC towers for a distance of 7.297 km from existing 66/11KV Harobele Sub-Station to proposed 66 KV Kunur Sub-Station in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Major Works Division, Ramanagara

Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/42624/2019

- Ref:**
1. Online Proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 25-10-2019 of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Major Works Division, Ramanagara r/w uploading of Acknowledgement on 27-11-2019 for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests & Deputy Commissioner
 2. This office online communication dated 30-11-2019 to Deputy Conservators of Forests, Ramanagara Division for further processing of the proposal
 3. Online submission of PART-II by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division on 23-01-2020 [Letter No.A5/LND/KPTCL/CR-03/2019-20/1888 dated 27-01-2020]
 4. Online submission of PART-III by Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle on 01-02-2020 [Letter No.A11/BHOOMI/CR-89/2019-20 dated 28-01-2020]

1. The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Major Works Division, Ramanagara [USER AGENCY] vide Ref (1) has submitted an online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] through FC Web Portal seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.121 hectare of forest land in Kunuru Village Sy No. 36 & 37 (Arkavathi Minor Forest), Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District & Forest Division for laying of 66 KV SC line on DC towers for a distance of 7.297 km from existing 66/11KV Harobele Sub-Station to proposed 66 KV Kunur Sub-Station. After acceptance of the proposal by Nodal Officer (FCA) for further processing, the User Agency has delivered the hard copies of the proposal to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division & Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District and has uploaded the Acknowledgment on the web portal on 27-11-2019. Accordingly, an online communication was made by Nodal Officer vide Ref (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara for further processing of the proposal under FC Act.
2. **Location details and Component wise break up:** Location details of the forest land proposed for diversion are given below.

District, Taluk, Hobli	Village	Sy No.	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal Status of Land
Ramanagara District, KanakapuraTaluk, Kasaba Hobli	Kunur	37	0.406	Kunur Minor Forest*
		36	0.715	
Total			1.121	

*Mysore Government Notification No. G. 12673-82-Ft. 185-24-7 dated 11-04-1929 (Gazette No. G. 916-Ft. 27-33-7 dated 11-08-1929)

Component wise breakup of the forest land requirement for the project is given below.

Name of component	Segment length (m)	Corridor width (m)	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)
66/11 KV Transmission Line	38.2	18	0.069
	584.55	18	1.052
Total	622.75		1.121

3. **DCF, Ramanagara Division Report:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division has inspected the proposed area on 17-01-2020 and vide Ref (3) has submitted his Site Inspection Report along with recommendation in PART-II to Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle. Main features of the proposal based up on the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara report r/w report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle and that of ICT Centre of Forest Department are summarized below.

- a. The forest land proposed for diversion is a plain land and hence the soil erosion is negligible.
 - b. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-Class IV (Tropical Thorn Forests) with canopy density up to 0.4 (Open Forest).
[Note: The entry made in Item 4(i) of PART-II may be read accordingly.]
 - c. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 224 trees in different girth classes in the forest land proposed for diversion. Main species include *Azadirachta indica*, *Alstonia scholaris*, *Acacia catechu* among others.
 - d. Major wild animals present in and around the project area include the Leopard, Sloth Bear, Spotted deer, Jackal, Hare, Peafowl, etc.
 - e. There are no other rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna reported in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
 - f. The forest land proposed for diversion does not form part of any National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor, etc.
 - g. There are no National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor within one kilometre from the boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion.
 - h. The forest area proposed for diversion is within default 10 km Eco-Sensitive Zone of Bannerghatta National Park (approximately 5.2 Km from boundary) and is approximately 7.59 km from the boundary of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.
 - i. There are no Protected/ Archaeological/ Heritage Sites/ Defence establishments located in the proposed area.
 - j. The forest area proposed for diversion is the bare minimum and unavoidable.
 - k. There is no violation reported under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
4. **CCF, Bengaluru Circle Report:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle has not inspected the site personally. However, agreeing with the recommendation made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle has also recommended the proposal. Specific comments of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle are mentioned in PART-III of the proposal cited Ref (4) above.
5. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The User Agency is required to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land proposed for diversion as per Para 3.1 to 3.4 of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-

2019. The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking dated 26-11-2019 to pay the charges towards Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.

6. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** In accordance with the provisions of Para 2.5(i)(a) of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019, the User Agency is exempted from the requirement of providing the non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation purpose and the Compensatory Afforestation can be raised and maintained at the cost of User Agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area proposed for diversion. Accordingly, the **Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramangara Division has identified an extent of 2.242 hectare of Degraded Forest Land in Tenginakallu State Forest (Village) Sy No. 1, Kylancha Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagara District & Forest Division for raising CA. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramangara Division has uploaded the CA related information (KML file and Maps) online in PART-II of the proposal. The CA related documents (Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map along with GPS readings of all corners, CA Suitability Certificate dated 09-01-2020 and CA Scheme are enclosed herewith. The User Agency has also submitted an Undertaking dated 26-11-2019 to pay the Compensatory Afforestation charges.**
7. **Status of RoFR compliance:** With regard to compliance of the provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act 2006 and Rules 2008, the User Agency has not furnished the requisite **FRA Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects)** issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019. However, it has submitted an Undertaking dated 26-11-2019 to obtain the required Certificate from the Deputy Commissioner and submit it. **The User Agency is being informed again to obtain the said certificate in prescribed format and submit the same.**

In light of the facts stated above, it is requested to move the proposal with the Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 1.121 hectare of forest land in Kunuru Village Sy No. 36 & 37 (Arkavathi Minor Forest), Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District & Forest Division for laying of 66 KV SC line on DC towers for a distance of 7.297 km from existing 66/11KV Harobele Sub-Station to proposed 66 KV Kunur Sub-Station in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Major Works Division, Ramanagara for a period of 30 years subject to submission of FRA Certificate in

FORM-I (for Linear projects) and further subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'.

The hard copy of the proposal along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful. The present status of the proposal obtained from the FC web portal is also appended for information.

Yours Faithfully



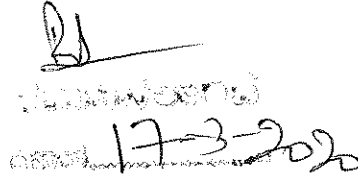
(Punati Sridhar IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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Copy to the:


1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara for information.
3. Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Major Works Division, Old Bangalore-Mysore Road, Ramanagara – 562 159 for information and with a request to obtain and submit the FRA Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear Projects) as mentioned above at the earliest.



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ANNEXURE 'A'

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory, Plantation cost of extraction of trees, land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
4. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage & hypothecate the forest area.
5. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
6. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
7. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
8. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
9. No crushing / breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
10. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests.
11. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
12. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
13. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
14. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.


(Punati Sridhar IFS)
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

PART – IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

<p>Detailed opinion & specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p><i>(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon.)</i></p>	<p>Recommended for diversion of 1.121 hectare of forest land in Kunuru Village Sy No. 36 & 37 (Arkavathi Minor Forest), Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District & Forest Division for laying of 66 KV SC line on DC towers for a distance of 7.297 km from existing 66/11KV Harobe Sub-Station to proposed 66 KV Kunur Sub-Station in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Major Works Division, Ramanagara for a period of 30 years subject to submission of FRA Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and further subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'. [Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/42624/2019]</p>
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Signature:


(RAJIV RANJAN IFS)

Name:

Designation:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Office (FCA)

(Official Seal)

Countersigned by :



Name:

(PUNATI SRIDHAR IFS)

Designation:

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

(Official Seal)

N.D.O. No: 40/2019-20

Date: 17-03-2020

