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PART -IV

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

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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Total						1.4244	

Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) MS Nagpur is attached on page no. 14C


(Saujeev Gaur)
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Date: 16/05/2019

Place: Nagpur

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No. : Desk-17/NC/I/I.D-12719 / 232 /19-20
 Nagpur – 440 001, Dated : 16/05/2019

To,
 The Additional Director General (Central),
 Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,
 Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
 New Secretariat Building,
 Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001.

Sir,

The Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-II, MSETCL, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 1.4244ha. forest land for construction and laying of 132 KV (MIDC) Gondia to Hirdamali Railway Traction Substation transmission line for electrification of Ballarshah-Gondia Broad Gauge line in Villages Sejgaon, Mundipar, Dhakni, Rapewada in Tahsil Gondia and Village Dawwa in Tahsil Goregaon, District Gondia State of Maharashtra. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

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2.00 The proposal has been initiated by Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-II, MSETCL, Nagpur for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed project is for electrification of Ballarshah Gondia Broad Gauge Railway line. This transmission belt is very essential in order to construct and operate 132 V Gondia-Hirdamali TSS transmission line for establishment of Railway Traction substation at Hirdamali for establishment of Broad Gauge line. The route for this transmission line as proposed by Executive Engineer, EHV Project Division-II, MSETCL, Nagpur is only feasible route and the forest land required is the barest minimum.

The total route length of the transmission line is 16.716 Kms, out of which 0.547 Km length is passing through forest area. The Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd., (MSETCL) has sanctioned the plan to construct and operate 132 KV D/C Gondia-Hirdamali Transmission Sub-station Transmission line. The project is Administratively approved by the Chief Engineer (Project Scheme), MSETCL Government of Maharashtra vide letter No. MSETCL/CO/PS/Scheme-I/P.N./11417, dated 03/11/2016 and Technically sanctioned by Chief Engineer (Project Scheme), MSETCL vide letter No. MSETCL/CO/TR Project Scheme/Scheme-I/TSS, dated 29/09/2016. The total non forest area involved in the project is 45.0807 ha. The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia Forest Division, Gondia is enclosed on page no. 156 to 158.

3.00 Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in three copies.

3.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.

3.2 Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project,

3.3 Area Statement,

3.4 Index map in suitable scale,

4.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia Forest Division, Gondia has certified that:-

4.1 the area belongs to Eco-value class III and having density of 0.1 to 0.6

4.2 there is no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4.3 no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.

4.4 the area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.

4.5 the project involves felling of 42 trees of various species and girth class. The details of girth class-wise break up is as under-

Tree Girth in Cm.						
0-	31-60	61-90	91 - 120	121-150	Above 150	Total
30	0	30	12	0	0	42

4.6 the non forest land covered under the proposal are not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest Acquisition Act, 1975 by virtue of application of Section-35 of India Forest Act, 1927 and are not recognized as deemed Reserved Forest as well as not included in the area identified as forest as the dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.

4.7 the proposed project is beyond 10 km of boundaries of the Protected Area (Sanctuary and National Park).

4.8 the area involved in the project does not affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance

4.9 and proposed Zupdi forest land over area 3.00 ha. in in Gat No/Compartment No. 740 village Bagholi, Ta. Tiroda of Gondia District is suitable for compensatory afforestation and it is contiguous & suitable for management purpose and it is free from encroachment and encumbrances.

5.00 **The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that:-**

- 5.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 5.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.

6.0 **The Collector, Gondia has issued certificate-**

- 6.1 that all other alternative for the purpose have been explored and the demand for the required is the barest minimum.
- 6.2 under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 issued vide their letters No.AK-Mah-1/WS/208/2018, dt.16/02/2018 prescribed format Form- I as per Government of India guidelines dated 5/7/2013.

7.00 **In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section - 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions: –**

- 7.1 The legal status of the forest land required will remain unchanged.
- 7.2 Compensatory afforestation will be raised at the cost of the user agency over 3.65 ha. in Gat No/Compartment No. 740 village Bagholi, Tal. Tiroda of Gondia District.
- 7.3 The user agency will defray the cost of Net Present Value of 1.4244 ha. of forest land as per the latest guidelines of the Government of India.
- 7.4 The user agency will defray the additional cost of Net Present Value of forest land as per the latest guidelines of Government of India.
- 7.5 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the project.
- 7.6 The user agency will pay the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of the permanent pillars on the non-forest land made available by the User Agency.
- 7.7 The user agency will defray the cost of removal of 42 trees in the forest area falling in diversion. However minimum number of trees shall be felled.
- 7.8 If in future, the need arises for felling, pruning or pollarding of any standing trees under the transmission line for maintenance, the User Agency shall obtain necessary permission as per existing guidelines.
- 7.9 The user agency will pay the cost of raising herbaceous/ shrubby medicinal plants under the transmission lines including its nursery and planting cost, wherever feasible in accordance with the scheme prepared by Forest Department.
- 7.10 All conditions as stipulated in the guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be strictly followed.
- 8.0 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- 8.1 The user agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- 8.2 The user agency shall ensure that because of this project. No damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
- 8.3 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- 8.4 The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;

8.5 The proposed diversion of forest land for the project will be confined to 1.4244 ha. only.

8.6 Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 27 m.

8.7 To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the following guidelines:-

- Below each conductor, width clearance of 3.00 mts. would be permitted for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
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9.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of India may kindly be moved for approving the, proposal for diversion of 1.4244ha. forest land for construction and laying of 132 KV (MIDC) Gondia to Hirdamali Railway Traction Substation transmission line for electrification of Ballarshah-Gondia Broad Gauge line in Villages Sejgaon, Mundipar, Dhakni, Rapewada in Tahsil Gondia and Village Dawwa in Tahsil Goregaon, District Gondia State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal one set

Yours sincerely,

(Sanjeev Gaur)
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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S.D.Woollas 16/12/2019

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralya, Mumbai – 400032 for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Nagpur for information.

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