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To,

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

Sir,

Diversion of 4.645 hectare of forest land in Goravinakallu village Sub: Sy No. 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy No. 88 (2.97 ha), Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying 66 KV DC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 km (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Major Works Division, Chitradurga

Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/35444/2018

- 1. Online Proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 25-03-2019 Ref: (resubmitted) of Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Major Works Division, Chitradurga r/w uploading Acknowledgement on 07-06-2019 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests & Deputy Commissioner
 - 2. This office online communication dated 25-06-2019 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division for further processing of the proposal
 - 3. Online submission of PART-II by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division on 17-01-2020 r/w online reply dated 07-07-2020 to the EDS query of Nodal Officer [Letter No. A6/FC/KPTCL/35444/CR-3/2019-20 dated 10-01-2020

and 29-06-2020]

- **4.** Online submission of PART-III by Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle on 17-02-2020 r/w online reply dated 21-07-2020 to the EDS query of Nodal Officer [Letter No. M1/TRNLINE/KPTCL/CR-8/2019-20 dated 17-02-2020 and 27-07-2020]
- 1. The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Major Works Division, Chitradurga [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 4.645 hectare of forest land in Goravinakallu village Sy No. 87 & 88, Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying 66 KV DC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 km (new corridor). After acceptance of the proposal by Nodal Officer for further processing, the User Agency has delivered the hard copies of the proposal to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division & Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District and has uploaded the Acknowledgment on the web portal on 07-06-2019. Accordingly, an online communication was made by Nodal Officer (FCA) vide Ref (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga 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	Village	Sy No.	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal Status of Land
Chiradurga District,	Goravinakallu	87	1.675	Deemed Forest*
Hosadurga Taluk, Kasaba Hobli		88	2.97	
Total			4.645	

^{*}Identified by District Level Committee as Deemed Forest. The entry made in Item 2 of PART-II of the proposal may be read accordingly

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

Project comp	onent	Forest land requirement (ha)	
66 KV Transmission Line (18 m corridor width)	Segment -1	0.84	
	Segment -2	1.14	
	Segment -3	2.665	
Total		4.645	

- 3. DCF, Chitradurga Division Report: The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division has inspected the site on 27-12-2019 and vide Ref (3) has submitted his Site Inspection Report along with recommendation in PART-II to Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle. Main features of the proposal based up on the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga report r/w report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle and that of ICT Centre of Forest Department are summarized below.
 - **a.** The forest land proposed for diversion is prone to soil erosion. The User Agency needs to take up Soil and Moisture Conservation works in the area.
 - **b.** The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-Class III (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests) with canopy density up to 0.1 (Open Forest).
 - c. As per Item 4 (ii) of PART-II of the proposal, there are no trees required to be felled. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division in Site Inspection Report has stated that there are only thorny scrub vegetation comprising of *Albizzia amara*, *Acacia catechu*, *Eurphobia* spp., *Acacia latronum* with a height less than 2 m.
 - **d.** There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna reported in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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.
 - g. The forest land proposed for diversion is not located within Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of any Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 - h. There are no Protected/ Archaeological/ Heritage Sites/ Defence establishments located in the proposed area.
 - i. The forest area proposed for diversion is the bare minimum and unavoidable.
 - i. There is no violation reported under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 4. CCF, Ballari Circle Report: The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle has not inspected the site personally. However, agreeing with the recommendation made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle has also recommended the proposal. Specific comments of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari 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 27-09-2018 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, Chitradurga Division has identified an extent of 10.00 hectare of degraded forest land in Kudurekanive Village Sy No. 1, Srirampura Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chiradurga District for raising CA. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division has uploaded the CA related information online. In PART-II of the proposal. The CA details in the form the Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map along with GPS readings of all corners, CA Suitability Certificate dated 29-06-2020 and CA Scheme are enclosed herewith. The User Agency has also submitted an Undertaking dated 27-09-2018 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 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. 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 4.645 hectare of forest land in Goravinakallu village Sy No. 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy No. 88 (2.97 ha), Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying 66 KV DC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 km (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Major Works Division, Chitradurga for a period of 20 years subject to submission of RoFR

Compliance 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.

Xours Faithfully

(Sanjai Mohan, IFS) 219 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the:

- 1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
- 2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga for information.
- 3. Executive Engineer (Ele), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Major Works Division, #9584 & 9585, 1ST floor, 3RD Cross (East) JCR Circle, Chitradurga 577501 for information and with a request to obtain and submit the RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear Projects) as mentioned above at the earliest.

4-15pm

ANNEXURE'A'

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
- The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory Plantation cost of extraction of trees (if any), land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
- The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
- The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage & hypothecate the forest area.
- 5. The Lessee shall provide signages in appropriate dimensions and nature on both sides of the transmission line within forest limits for sensitisation of general public towards the forest, wildlife and environmental issues in consultation with the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests
- 6. 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.
- No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
- 8. 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.
- No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
- 13. 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.
- 14. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
- 15. 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.

(Sanjai Mohan, JFS)
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)

Detailed opinion & specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(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.)

Recommended for moving the proposal with the Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 4.645 hectare of forest land in Goravinakallu village Sy No. 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy No. 88 (2.97 ha), Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying 66 KV DC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 km (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Power Karnataka (Electrical), Engineer (KPTCL), Limited Corporation Transmission Major Works Division, Chitradurga for a period of 20 years subject to submission of RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and further subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'.

[Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/35444/2018]

Signature:

Name:

(RAJIV RANJAN IFS)

Designation:

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

(Official Seal)

Countersigned by:

Name:

(SANJAI MOHAN IFS)419

Designation:

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

(Official Seal)

N.D.O. No: 65/2019-20

Date: 22 -09-2020

