

## **Letter of Recommendation Not below the rank of DCF**

**(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)**

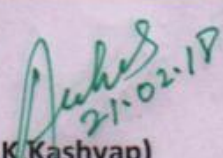
A proposal has been received by this office from Powergrid Corporation of India Limited for diversion under FCA-1980 of 1.23 Hectares of Protected Forest land for non-forest purpose. The project envisages the diversion of Protected Forest Land for laying of 765 KV D/C Orai – Aligarh Transmission line Part III (PKG TE08) under WR-NR IRSS Scheme in Etah District. The site inspection of the land in proposal has been done by me on dated: 02-01-2018 and again on 28-01-2018

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is PF (Protected forest) measuring 1.23 Hectare.

*Since the user agency has already completed the drawing of transmission line over the affected forest land by violating the FC Act 1980 hence the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency on col.2 of part ii is unavoidable though the requirement is not the barest minimum required for the project.*

No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna in the area. There is no protected archeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument located in the area. The user agency has violated the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 by drawing Transmission line over the affected Protected Forest land and work of drawing transmission line over forest land has been started and completed without proper sanction. In view of the above violation of F C Act 1980 a four point report has been sent from the office of Divisional Director, Social Forestry Division to the Nodal Officer F C Act 1980, office of PCCF, Lucknow vide letter no 1618/14-1 dated 21-02-2018

**The project is recommended in public interest with suitable penal action against User Agency for the violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980.**

  
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