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To,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), AranyaBhavan, Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub:- Diversion of 5.237 ha of forest land in Marashettaihalli Reserve Forest in Sy No. 92,156,157,159 in Gubbi Range, Tumkur Division for construction of 110 KV D/C narrow based towers in favour of Executive Engineer (Ele) Major works Division, KPTCL, Tumkur.

Ref:- 1) Letter No.:A5/Land/Diversion/CR-21/2017-18 dated: 24-10-2017 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur.

 Letter No.EEE(Eo)/MWD/TKR/2016-17/9730/32 dated:09-03-2017 of Executive Engineer (Major Works) Division, Tumkur.

3) Letter No. ACF/TSD/Tabepa/CR-120/2017-18 dated: 01-08-2017 of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Sub-Division, Tumkur.

With reference to the above subject, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 5.237 ha of forest land in Marashettaihalli Reserve Forest in Sy No. 92,156,157,159 in Gubbi Range, Tumkur Division for construction of 110 KV D/C narrow based towers in favour of Executive Engineer (Ele.,) Major works Division, KPTCL, Tumkur.

The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Tumkur Division, Tumkur has inspected the proposed area on 23-10-2017 and reported that the land required by the user agency is barest and minimum required for the project. And the area falls under open forest Eco-class- III. The forest is reported to be poor and open due to over exploitation in the past and much of the area is covered with scrub type of thorny species. However, there are plantations, older planting sites, and growth and natural regeneration has been observed for Cassia fistula, Albizzia, Neem, Sandal, Diospyros melanoxylon etc.

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The details of survey number wise and village wise forest area required for implementation of the project is as under:

Divisio n/ District	Range/Tesil village	Survey number compart ment number of km stone	Section	Length in (Mtrs)	Widt h in (Mtrs)	Area (in mtrs)	Area in ha	Legal status of Forest area
Tumku r	Gubbi	92& 156	AP-6 to AP-11	1518.0 2	22	33396. 44	3.33	Reserv e forest
Tumku r	Marashettiha lli	157 & 159	AP-17 to AP- 19	863.14	22	18989. 08	1.89	Reserv e forest
						Total	5.23 7 ha	

The user agency has identified 10.474 ha of degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation in sy.no. 110 of Huvinakatte village. ChelurHobli, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur district as reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur who visited above area identified for raising of compensatory afforestation and reported that the areas and found these to be suitable for raising of compensatory afforestation. Though the area is yet to be mutated in favour of forest Department and copy of the RTC further need to befurnished to this office.. The user agency has given undertaking to pay Net present value, CA charges, penal compensatory afforestation charges and any other charges imposed by state forest department together with demarcation of safety zone on the ground, maintenance of the safety zone, regeneration of trees desposit, according to the orders of the National Green Tribunal New Delhi.

The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Tumkur has submitted detailed compensatory afforestation scheme. Till now no work has been taken up in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Total about 458 number of trees are to be felled for implementation of the Project. Abstract of enumeration of the trees is enclosed in Appendix II. The actual cost of extraction and transportation cost of timber and firewood has to be paid by the user agency. The user agency has tomake a payment for planting deposit for cutting and regeneration of the trees of trees in 1:10 ratio as per the guidelines of National Green Tribunal, New Delhi vide order in M.No. 862 of 2016 dated:29-08-2016.

Ensuring compliance of the scheduled tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 may not be required for the projects like transmission lines where linear diversion of forest land in several villages area involved, unless recognized right of

PTG/PAC are being affected vide MOEF (FD division) letter no.F.No.11-9/98-FC(pt) dated:05-02-2013 and exempted from the requirement of obtaining consent of the concerned Gram Sabhas.

Spot inspection was conducted on 14 -11-2017 in Marshettihalli Reserve Forests together with ACF, RFO and frontline forest staff. The result of spot inspection is recorded in Proforma-III and enclosed in Annexure XVI. The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is minimum and unavoidable for implementation of the project as reported by DCF Tumkur. Hence the proposal along with application and recommendation from the office of Deputy Conservator of Forests Tumkur is submitted for diversion of forest land for this project under section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Required information/ documents are submitted in Appendix 1 to 16.

Proposal as recommended by the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Tumkur Division, Tumkur along with report and documents is submitted for favour of kind perusal for taking into consideration for diversion of 5.237 ha of forest land in Gubbi range, Tumkur division for construction of the 110 KV DC narrow based tower held overhead power transmission in favour of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission corporation Limited, Tumkur.

The proposal in 5 sets submitted for favour of kind perusal and further needful action.

Yours faithfully

Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, Hassan.

• Copy forwarded to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur for information

 Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Major Works Division (KPTCL), Tumkur for information.

PART-III

To be filled by the Concerned Chief Conservator of Forests

Name of the Project: Diversion of 5.237 ha of forest land in Marashettaihalli Reserve Forest in Sy No. 92,156,157,159 in Gubbi Range, Tumkur Division for construction of 110 KV D/C narrow based towers in favour of Executive Engineer (Ele) Major works Division, KPTCL, Tumkur.

land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.

Whether site, where the forest Yes. Site of Marshettihalli Reserve Forests Sy No as aforesaid was inspected on 14th November 2017 in the morning at Gubbi Range Tumkur Forest Division. Inspection Note as below.

Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information give in part-B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests

Yes, Agreed.

Specific recommendation of concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

Proposal is recommended consideration of diversion of 5.237 ha Ha of Forests Lands aforementioned survey numbers of Marshettihalli RF in Gubbi Range in public interest with Safety Zone demarcation on the ground together with regeneration (as per NGT order) and maintenance of proposed area on quarterly basis

Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle, Hassan

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