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To,

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

Sir,

Sub:- Diversion of 9.437 ha of forest land in Marashettaihalli Reserve Forest in Sy No. 92,156,157,159 in Gubbi Range, Tumkur Division for construction of 220 KV MC narrow based towers in favour of Executive Engineer (Ele) Major works Division, KPTCL, Tumkur.

Ref:- 1) Letter No.:A5/Land/Diversion/CR-20/2017-18 dated: 24-10-2017 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur.
2) 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 proposal for diversion of 9.437 ha of forest land in Marashettaihalli Reserve Forest in Sy No. 92,156,157,159 in Gubbi Range, Tumkur Division for construction of 220 KV MC 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 poor and open due to over exploitation in the past and much of the area is covered with scrub type of thorny species.

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

Division/ District	Range/Tesil village	Survey number compartment number of km stone	Section	Length in (Mtrs)	Width in (Mtrs)	Area (in mtrs)	Area in ha	Legal status of Forest area
Tumkur	Gubbi	92& 156	AP-7 to AP-13	1589.17	35	55620.95	5.562	Reserve forest
Tumkur	Marashettihalli	157 & 159	AP-120 to AP-23	1107.15	35	38750.25	3.875	Reserve forest
						Total	9.437 ha	

The user agency has identified 18.876 ha of degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation in sy.no. 110 of Huvinakatte village. ChelurHobli, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur district. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur has visited above areas identified for raising of compensatory afforestation and reported that the area is suitable for raising of compensatory afforestation. Though area is yet to be mutated in favor of Forest Department and copy of the RTC has not been yet obtained. The user agency has given undertaking to pay Net present value, CA charges, penal compensatory afforestation charges, to maintain norms for safety zone, to go for regeneration of areas according to NGT guidelines and maintenance of project linear line periodically with the coordination of the local staff of KFD and KPTCL together any other charges imposed by state forest department.

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 around 232 number of trees are to be felled for implementation of the Project. Abstract of Enumeration of 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 to make a payment for planting deposit for cutting and regeneration of trees in 1:10 ratio as per the guidelines of the National Green Tribunal, New Delhi vide order in M.A. 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.

Inspection of the site was conducted on 14th -11-2017 along with ACF and RFOs and staff in Gubbi Range of Marshettihalli Reserve Forest Areas.. The results of spot inspection is recorded in Proforma-III and enclose in Annexure- XVI. The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is minimum and unavoidable for implementation of the project as elicited by Deputy Conservator of Forests. All alternatives have been assessed at the spot. Overhead laying of high power transmission line of electricity were found to be technically feasible and economically practical. Hence the proposal is submitted as applied by user agency 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 application, report and documents is submitted for your kind consideration for diversion of 9.437 ha of forest land in Gubbi range, Tumkur division for constructing the 220 KV MC narrow based tower line in favor of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission corporation Limited, Tumkur in the interest of the public and for ecological security, stability of the local environment together with safeguards of local flora and fauna.

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

Yours faithfully



Chief Conservator of Forests

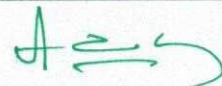
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PART-III**To be filled by the Concerned Chief Conservator of Forests**

Name of the Project: Diversion of 9.437 ha of forest land in Marshettihalli Reserve Forest in Sy No. 92,156,157,159 in Gubbi Range, Tumkur Division for construction of 220 KV MC narrow based towers in favour of Executive Engineer (Ele) Major works Division, KPTCL, Tumkur.

1	Whether site, where the forest 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.	Yes. Site of Marshettihalli Reserve Forests Sy No as aforesaid was inspected on 14 th November 2017 in the morning at Gubbi Range Tumkur Forest Division. Inspection Note as below.
2	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.
3	Specific recommendation of concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	Proposal is recommended for consideration of diversion of 9.437 Ha of Forests Lands in 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 every year.



**Chief Conservator of Forests
Hassan Circle, Hassan**

Date: 14-11-2017

Place: Hassan