



TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED

From
The Executive Engineer
Construction Division
APTRANSCO, Kurnool.

To
The Forest Range Officer
Bangapanalli,
Nandyal District.

Lr.No: EE/CONST/DIV/KNL/F.No.155(F)/D.No.1267/23,Dt: 03.08.2023.

Sir,

Sub: - APTRANSCO-Construction- Division-Kurnool- Diversion of 2.63Ha of forest land in Compartment no.313 of Gulamaliabad, South RF (0.87Ha.), Dhone Range and in Compartment No.334 Rangapuram RF (1.76 Ha.), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for the Erection of 220KV DC line from 400/220 KVSS Jammalamadugu to proposed 220/132/33KVSS Bethamcherla in Kurnool District -Additional information requested to by FRO, Banaganapalli -Submitted - Regarding.

Ref:-

1. Letter from IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada F.No.4-APB171/2022-VIJ/881, Dt: 30.04.2023 communicated vide Memo.No.846/section.II/2022(1698927), EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dt: 04.05.2023
2. EFS02-15035/2/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dt: 17.05.2023
3. Rc.No.220KV/2023-24/BPL, Dt:01.08.2023 from FRO/Banaganapalli.

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With reference to the letter vide ref (3) cited, the following information is submitted:

(i) Copy of the work order issued by AP Transco.

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(ii) Name of the official(s) with designation who are all responsible for works in violation of FCA, 1980 along with detailed address with pin code

It is to submit that, the orders were issued by APTRANSCO vide Contract Order P.O.No.433/CPT140/SE-PM/APT-e-21/Bethamcherla/RC.No.4424/D.No.2153/18,Dt:05.01.2018 for Construction of 220KV DC line from 400KV SS Jammalamadugu to proposed 220/132/33KV SS Bethamcherla. For this line a detailed survey was carried out as per the TOPO sheet which is regular procedure. The tower schedule and profiles were approved by APTRANSCO authorities. **During the survey, no forest area was identified along the proposed route as per the**

TOPO sheet and the prevailing field conditions in stretch-2. Hence as per the approved tower schedule and profiles, the line work was taken up and is being carried out. Meanwhile, during September 2020, the forest wing have informed that the certain locations of the above line are falling in the Reserve Forest area.

In this connection, it is to submit that, in the Stretch 2, No. of Locs: 3 (222, 227 and 229):

- A joint inspection was carried out on 09.09.2020 & 07.10.2020 by AP Transco and Forest authorities and inspected entire stretch of Location No 220 to 234. And forest authority has informed that location Nos 229, 230, 231 and 232 are in forest area vide reference RC.No.3565/2020/H5, dated:28.10.2020.
- Vide reference Rc.A.480/2020,dated 03.12.2020, Revenue authorities have informed that except 229 all locations are in Revenue area and 229 is also on the boundary of the revenue and forest area.
- A detailed joint inspection was carried out (in the same stretch i.e. locations No 220 to 234) with all the three departments (Forest, Revenue and AP Transco) on dates 05.12.2020, 09.12.2020, 24.02.2021 & 25.02.2021 and finally identified location Nos 222, 227 & 229 are in forest area vide reference Rc.No.999/2019/ H5, dated.15.03.2021.
- From the above it is noticed that, during the **first spell** of joint inspections, **location no's 229, 230, 231 and 232** are identified as in forest area. During the **second spell** of joint inspections, **location nos.222, 227 & 229** are identified as in forest area in the same stretch.
- From the above, it is to submit that there is ambiguity regarding **demarcation of boundaries due to over lapping of forest and revenue areas.**

In this context, it is to submit that the line construction work was taken up as per the Departmental procedure in vogue and the **forest area could not be identified due to unclear demarcation of boundaries**, due to this APTRANSCO was unaware of the exact forest boundaries and taken up the construction work in the Interest of Public as a State Public Utility, **but not with deliberate intention in violation of Forest Act.**

(iii) Detailed report related on action taken/initiated on violators by the State Government

2 no's cases were booked by the Forest department vide (i)OR.No.44/2019-20 and (ii) OR.No.42/2020-21. In OR.No.44/2019-20 case, compounding fee of Rs.2,61,554/- (Rupees Two lakhs Sixty one thousand five hundred and fifty four only) was levied and the same amount was paid. In case of OR.No.42/2020-21, compounding fee of Rs.3,16,552/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Two) was communicated vide Form-E, dated.16.11.2020 with a provision of an appeal with Conservator of Forest, Kurnool. In view of unclear demarcation of the forest boundaries, APTRANSCO has appealed vide Lr.No SE/Const/KNL/AEE-T/F.No. Forest Vol-II/ D.No.929/20, Dt: 27.11.2020 for waiver of compounding amount of Rs. 3,16,552/- which was under consideration by forest department.

In view of the above, it is to submit that there is no intentional violation of FCA act by any of the APTRANSCO officials due to unclear demarcation of forest boundaries and this project is taken up in the public interest only. **Hence, it is requested that any violation case booked against the APTRANSCO Officials may please be dropped, as it was not done intentionally, due to unclear demarcation of forest boundaries.**

This is submitted for favour of information and taking necessary action please.

Enclosures:-
As above

Handwritten signature
03/08/2023
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
CONSTRUCTION-DIVISION
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Copy Submitted to:-

The Principle Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur. (*)

The Conservator of Forests/Kurnool-Circle/Kurnool. (*)

The District Forest Officer, Nandyal (*)

(*) for favour of information please.

Copy Submitted to:-

The Chief Engineer/Projects/Vidyut Soudha/Vijayawada. (^)

The Chief Engineer/Kadapa Zone/Kadapa. (^)

The Superintending Engineer/Projects/Field/Kurnool, (^)

The PS to Director (Grid & Transmission Management), (^)

(^) for favour of information and taking necessary action please.

Copy to:-

The Deputy Executive Engineer/Construction/SD-II/Kurnool for information.



SPORVES
BETHACHERLA

→ Rangapuram PF

220kv

Beluracherla -

(Under Construction)

Jamnalama Super Line

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