

**Government of Andhra Pradesh**  
**Forest Department**

From  
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To  
The Deputy General Manager,  
Power Grid Corporation of India  
Ltd.  
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Nellore Road, Badvel - 516 227

**Re. No. 1269 / 2016 - P8, Dt : 16/10/2018**

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - FCA 1980 - Diversion of 27.744 Ha of forest and falling in Tiger Corridor of Kancherlamoram RF out of 74.486 Ha of forest land (56.764 ha in Proddatur Division and 17.722 Ha in Nellore Division) for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission Line from Kadapa - Chilakaluripeta by PSTSL (100% Subsidiary of POWERGRID) - Proposals u/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - In-principal (Stage-I) approval approved - Demand notice - Regarding

- Ref :- 1) GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Chennai F. No. 4-APC056/2018-CHN/0503, dated : 05-04-2018  
2) GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Chennai F. No. 4-APC056/2018-CHN/1580, dated : 04-10-2018  
3) Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Guntur Rc. No. 6969/2016/FCA-3, Dated : 09/10/2018  
4) IGF, Ad-hoc, CAMPA Lr. No. 12-2 / 2010 - CAMPA, Dt. 14-07-2017

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It is to inform that, in continuation of the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Government of India in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited have accorded in-principal (Stage-I) approval under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for diversion of **27.744 ha of forest land falling in Tiger Corridor of Kancherlamoram RF out of 74.486 ha proposed for diversion** for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission Line from Kadapa - Chilakaluripeta by PSTSL (100% Subsidiary of POWERGRID) subject to the conditions stipulated therein. The same was communicated by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), AP, Guntur through reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited and instructed to raise demand notice to the user agency for payment of NPV, CA etc. amounts through e-payment mode i.e. challan generated through the Ministry's website portal in Adhoc-CAMPA as per guidelines.

Therefore the Deputy General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India is requested to deposit the following mentioned amount towards Net Present Value etc. through e-payment mode i.e. challan generated through the Ministry's website portal (i.e. [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in)) in Adhoc-CAMPA as per the guidelines issued by the Adhoc-CAMPA, New Delhi letter dated : 09-06-2016.

- 1) Amount demanded to be deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi through e-challan only.

Sl. No.	Condition No. stipulated in the Stage-I of the GOI	Category	Unit Rate (Wherever applicable)	Total area (HA)	Total Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
1	6	NPV	8.030	27.744	222.784
2	9	ACA (Creation & Maintenance of Plantation of Dwarf Species)	--	27.744	133.820
<b>Total</b>					<b>356.604</b>

- 2) Amount demanded for value of tree growth to be extracted in the 27.744 ha forest area diverted to be deposited with Divisional Forest Officer.

Sl. No.	Total amount (Rs. In lakhs)	Divisional Forest Officer, Bank Account details for depositing the money
1	6.161	Name of the Bank : State Bank of India
		Branch Location : Proddatur (Main Branch)
		Account Number : 10558303619
		IFSC Code : SBIN0000901

Further it is informed that, if any payment is made by any other method, the same will not be considered for compliance towards Stage I / II as per reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited.

It is also informed that the user agency shall submit condition wise compliance as per the conditions stipulated in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited. The conditions stipulated by the Government of India are reiterated hereunder.

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the user agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost before the stage II approval;
3. The state forest department shall carryout compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 154.93 ha of degraded forest area in compt No 200, 201, 245, 254, 230 & 237 in Porumamilla Range, compt No 27 of Muddanur Range and Compt No 73 of Proddatur Range of WLM Proddatur Division at the cost of the user Agency;
4. A Minimum of 1000/ Plants / ha of diverted area (Minimum 21420 plants in total) shall be planted in the identified CA land. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency and map along DGPS co-ordinates of such forest area shall be furnished along with the compliance report;
5. The degraded forest land identified for CA and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the central Government;
6. The state Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 27.744 ha from the user Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;
7. Additional amount of net present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
8. The Funds received from the user Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value, Wildlife Mitigation or any money for compliance of conditions stipulated in this approval letter shall only be deposited in the "State CA Fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State.
9. The user Agency in consultation with the state forest department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of the dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department;
10. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 67 mtrs;

11. The State Government / UA shall intimate the Regional Office about the actual number of Red sanders trees to be removed for the project, in the 27.744 ha of Tiger Corridor area and in the rest of the areas separately;
12. The Forest Department shall ensure to plant adequate number of Red Sanders trees to compensate the felling of the species involved in this project;
13. The State Government and the User Agency shall comply with the mitigation measures and all other conditions as recommended by the NBWL at the project cost.
14. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sub-let to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
16. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage / tree felling;
17. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct near by forest flora & fauna;
18. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees from the proposed forest area and the state forest department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of user agency;
19. The enumerated trees on the 67 meter width strip (right of way) would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration shall be allowed to come up. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;
20. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
21. During construction of transmission line, pollarding / pruning of trees located outside the above width of the strip, whose branches / parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be carried out to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local Forest Officer;
22. In case the portion of the transmission line to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;



23. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and 19-11-2014 and provisions of the Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
24. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **74.486 (including 46.742 ha for which Stage-1 clearance was already issued on 05-04-2018)** and the forest area proposed for diversion shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
25. The progress of the compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Nellore Division in Sl No 6 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 1036.99 ha of forest land and 7260.25 ha of non forest land and DFO, Proddatur (WLM) Division in Sl No 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 259.62 ha of forest land and 4099.739 ha of non forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head concerned and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
26. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
27. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the state Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly;
28. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above condition the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

In addition to the above, the User Agency is requested to comply with the following in accordance with the Government of India instructions issued vide F.No.7-23/2012-FC, dt.24.07.2013 communicated vide PCCF's Rc.No.45921/2001-F4, dt.23.08.2013 and publish the orders at the cost of the project proponent.

1. Publish the entire forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safe -guards imposed by the Central Government in two widely circulated daily newspapers one in vernacular language and an other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non - forestry purposes.

2. The copies of the Forest Clearance should also be submitted to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies by the project proponents in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days.

Therefore the Deputy General Manager is requested to submit the necessary certificates / documents on the above conditions stipulated by the Government of India and submit the compliance report to this office for onward submission for final approval under Forest Conservation Act 1980.

This is for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

**Sd/- M. Guru Prabhakar**

Divisional Forest Officer

Proddatur (WL) Division

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for favour of information.

/T.C.B.O./

S. Suneel Kumar 16/10/18  
Superintendent

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