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To

The Principal Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad

Subject: Diversion 37.1858 ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV QMDC Line from the proposed 4X270 MW Bhadradi TPP near Manugoor to the proposed 400/220 kv SS at Padmati Narasapuram (V) Julurupadu (M) in erstwhile Khammam (Dist) presently Bhadradi Kothagudem district in favour of Chief Engineer, TSTRANSCO, Warangal-reg

Sir,

Please refer to State Government's letter No.1026/For.I(1)/2017-1 dated 07.04.2017 and online Proposal No. FP/TG/TRANS/20619/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and as per the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion 37.1858 ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV QMDC Line from the proposed 4X270 MW Bhadradi TPP near Manugoor to the proposed 400/220 kv SS at Padmati Narasapuram (V) Julurupadu (M) in erstwhile Khammam (Dist) presently Bhadradi Kothagudem district in favour of Chief Engineer, TSTRANSCO, Warangal, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted 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 Stage II approval.
3. The Compensatory Afforestation work & its maintenance shall be carried out by the State Forest Department in the entire identified degraded forest land over 37.36 ha in Compartment No. 34 of Damaracharla Beat and Compartment No 35 of Abbugudem Beat, 10 ha in Compartment No. 04 of Rathangutta RF of

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Ashwapuram Range and 27.14 ha in Compartment No 313 of Pogallapally RF of Paloncha Division, at the cost of the user agency.

4. Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. The CA scheme prepared for 10 ha of degraded forest land falling in Manuguru Beat of Rathanagutta Reserve Forest Block of Ashwapuram Range of Paloncha Forest Division shall be revised with inclusion of maintenance of 7 to 10 years. Revised CA scheme shall be furnished before the compliance report.
5. The Compensatory Afforestation area appears to be under encroachment, which may be verified in the ground and if found not possible for raising CA, the Nodal Officer may choose another area for raising CA.
6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 37.1858 ha from 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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
8. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Telangana State CAMPA. **The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website**
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
10. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling.
11. User agency shall ensure that the labourers, staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora and fauna.
12. State Forest Department shall carry out raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line at the cost of User Agency.
13. The enumeration list of trees of Kothagudem Division shall be submitted and updated online.

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14. User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFOs concerned.
15. User agency shall carryout mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion at the project cost.
16. State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of User Agency.
17. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove.
18. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sub leased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
19. State Government and the user agency shall implement mitigation measures and other conditions as recommended by the Standing Committee of NBWL, at the project cost.
20. The height of the line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to the normal level.
21. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
22. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 37.1858 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
23. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Government of India shall be complied with by the User Agency.
24. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of DFO, Wildlife Management, Paloncha and as mentioned by the DFO, Paloncha Division in Sl No 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 2389.81 ha of forest land and 187.32 ha of non forest land and DFO, Kothagudem Division in Sl No 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 34.31 ha of forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office.

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25. 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.
26. 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.
27. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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