

पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड

(भारत सरकार का उद्यम)

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED

(A Government of India Enterprise)



400 के.वि. (जि.अय.एस.) / 220 के.वि. (ए.अय.एस.) उप केन्द्र, आर.टी.ओ. के पास, सींगनायकनहल्ली, येलहंका होब्ली, बेंगलूरु - 560 064.  
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400kV (GIS) / 220 kV (AIS) Sub Station, Near RTO, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore - 560 064.  
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Ref: SRTS-II/YLK-TLC/M-Y/FC/2019-20/... 4287

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

To,  
The Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate,  
Bangalore Urban District,

Respected Sir,

Sub: Forest Clearance application under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for 400kV D/C Quad Tumkur (Vasantanarsapur) - Yelahanka Transmission line - Request for issue of Certificate under FRA 2006 - Reg.

Ref: Online application for forest clearance no FP/KA/TRANS/42334/2019

We, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (a Govt. of India Enterprise) under Ministry of Power is entrusted with the task of establishing 400 kV D/C Quad transmission line from Tumkur (Vasantanarsapur) to Yelahanka under the Southern Region System Strengthening Scheme 13 (SRSS-13) vide Ministry of Power, Govt of India approval No.11/4/2007-PG dated 03.12.2009 (Copy enclosed). This project is envisaged to enhance the power scenario of the southern states and further strengthen the National Grid.

As per the POWERGRID policy of avoidance, minimization and mitigation of forests in transmission line the route alignment is finalized. However, when it becomes unavoidable, the line is drawn with minimum forest involvement and necessary clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is obtained. The subject line routing is done with the above goal; however, crossing 213mtr in Sonnenahalli Village Deemed Forest (under notification), Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District is unavoidable due to insufficient right of way. However, due care was taken to cross this deemed forest area in minimum width on the fringes, thereby restricting the forest to 0.98Ha in Sonnenahalli Village (Survey No. 79/P1 as per RTC a revenue/Govt. land but being maintained by Forest department), Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. The application for obtaining forest clearance under the FC Act 1980 has been submitted online to the Karnataka forest department vide reference cited above.

As per the guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) Govt. of India dated 05.07.13 and 28.10.14 (copies enclosed) a certificate from the District Collector/District Magistrate in compliance to the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 is also required for further processing of the application form. Copy of the certificate is enclosed for ready reference. Hence, we request to kindly provide this certificate so as to process the forest clearance application further and complete the project as per schedule.

Thanking you,



Yours truly,  
For, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd

(M.Srinu)  
Chief Manager

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Southern Region Transmission System - II RHQ., Near RTO, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore - 560 064.

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F. No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi-110 003  
Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State/ Union Territory Governments

Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 and dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 on the above mentioned subject wherein this Ministry issued detailed guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, and to say that certificate in accordance with the said letters in respect of (a) linear, and (b) other projects shall be submitted in the formats enclosed as Annexure-I (FORM-I) and Annexure-II (FORM-II) respectively.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy To:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
3. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
4. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
5. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF.
6. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in Forest Conservation Division, MoEF.
7. Director R.O. (HQ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
8. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
9. Guard File.

(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Assistant Inspector General of

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## FORM-I

(for linear projects)

Government of .....

Office of the District Collector .....

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No. ....

Dated.....

## To WHOWSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that ..... hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of ..... (name of user agency) for ..... (purpose for diversion of forest land) in ..... district falls within jurisdiction of ..... village(s) in ..... tehsils.

It is further certified that:

- (a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire ..... hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub- Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed as annexure ... to ..... annexure .....
- (b) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3. (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Grama Sabhas have given their consent to it;
- (c) the proposal does not involve recognised rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-agricultural communities.

Encl.: As above.

Signature

(Full name and official seal of the District Collector)

Annexure-II

FORM-II  
(for projects other than linear projects)  
Government of .....  
Office of the District Collector .....

No. ....

Dated .....

**TO WHOSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, it is certified that..... hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of ..... (name of user agency) for ..... (purpose for diversion of forest land) in ..... district falls within jurisdiction of ..... village(s) in ..... tehsils.

It is further certified that:

- ✓ (a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire ..... hectares of forest land proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultation and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed as annexure ... to ..... annexure .....
- (b) the proposal for such diversion (with full details of the project and its implications, in vernacular/ local language) have been placed before each concerned Gram Sabha of forest-dwellers, who are eligible under the FRA;
- (c) the each of concerned Gram Sabha(s), has certified that all formalities/ processes under the FRA have been carried out, and that they have given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purpose and details of proposed diversion. A copy of certificate issued by the gram sabha of ..... villages(s) is enclosed as annexure ... to annexure.....
- (d) the discussion and decisions on such proposals had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50 % of the members of Gram Sabha present;
- ✓ (e) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Grama Sabhas have given their consent to it;
- ✓ (f) the rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities, where applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per section 3 (1) (e) of the FRA.

Encl.: As above.

Signature  
(Full name and official seal of the District Collector)

F. No. 11- 09/ 98-FC (pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road  
New Delhi - 110 001  
Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State / Union Territory Governments

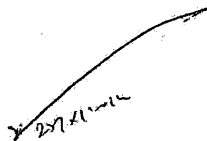
**Sub:** Diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 03.08.2009 wherein this Ministry issued detailed guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

In consideration of representations received from Ministries in the Central Government, this Ministry after obtaining concurrence of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs informed the States and Union Territories vide letter of even number dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 that the proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for projects like construction of roads, canals, laying of pipelines/ optical fibres and transmission lines etc. where linear diversion of use of forest land in several villages are involved, unless recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities are being affected, are exempted from the requirement of obtaining consent of the concerned Gram Sabha(s) as stipulated in clause (c) read with clause (e) and clause (f) in second para of this Ministry's said letter dated 03.08.2009.

This Ministry after further examination of the matter observed that in case of plantations which were notified as "forest" on a day less than 75 years prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005 and are located in villages having no recorded population of Scheduled Tribes, as per the Census-2001 and the Census-2011, no forest rights are likely to be recognised, even if the process stipulated in the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and the rules framed thereunder for recognition and vesting of forests rights is initiated and completed. The reasons for the same are as below:

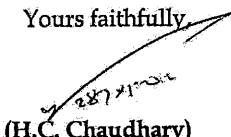
  
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- (i) As per the clause (o) of the Section 2 of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, no person residing in such forests will be eligible to be recognised as Other Traditional Forest Dweller (OTFD)'.
- (ii) Such villages will therefore, not have any person belonging to both the categories, viz. Scheduled Tribes and OTFD, whose rights can only be recognized over the forest land in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. Question of recognition of forest rights on such forests will thus not arise.

Accordingly, I am directed to say that in further modification of this Ministry's said letter of even number dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009, proposals seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of plantations which were notified as "forest" on a day less than 75 years prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005 and are located in villages having no recorded population of Scheduled Tribes, as per the Census-2001 and the Census-2011, are exempted from the requirement of initiation and completion of process for recognition and vesting of forest rights of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers as stipulated in clause (a), read with clause (d) and clause (g) in second para of this Ministry's said letter of even number dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009. In such cases a certificate from the concerned District Collector to the effect that the forest land proposed to be diverted is plantation which was notified as "forest" less than 75 years prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005 and is located in villages having no recorded population of Scheduled Tribes, as per the Census-2001 and the Census-2011, will only be sufficient to meet requirement of clause (a), read with clause (d) and clause (g) in second para of this Ministry's said letter of even number dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009.

This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director

**Copy to:-**

1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.*: Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director), North Block, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

**FORM-1**  
(For linear projects)  
**Government of Karnataka**  
**Office of the District Collector, Bangalore Urban**  
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No.....

Date: .....

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India's letter No.11-9/98-FC(pt.) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEFCC issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEFCC letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 wherein MoEFCC issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 0.98 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of M/s. POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD for construction of 400KV D/C Quad Tumkur (Vasantanarsapur) to Yelahanka transmission line in Bangalore Urban District falls within jurisdiction of Sonnenahalli Village(s) in Yelahanka Taluk.

It is further certified that

- (a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 0.98 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed as Annexure – Nil.
- (b) The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3(2) of the FRA have been completed and the Grama Sabhas have given their consent to it.
- (c) The proposal does not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-agricultural communities.

Encls: As above.

Signature

(Full name and official seal of the District Collector/ District Magistrate)



No.11/4/2007-PG

भारत सरकार  
Government of India

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Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi - 110001

Telefax No. 23730264

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New Delhi, 3rd December, 2009

To

CMD  
PGCIL  
Gurgaon.

Sub: Prior Approval of the Government under Section 68 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for System Strengthening in Southern Region-XIII.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to PGCIL's letter no. C/CP/SR-III dated 12.10.2009 on the above subject and to convey the prior approval of the Central Government under sub-section (1) of Section 68 of the Electricity Act, 2003 with the following scope of works for System Strengthening in Southern Region-XIII as agreed by the constituents of Southern Region in 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Standing Committee on Power System Planning in Southern Region and subsequently in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings of Southern Region Power Committee:

- Establishment of new 400/220 kV substation at Madhugiri with 2x500 MVA transformers with provision of establishing a 765 kV substation in future in the same switchyard.
- Gooty-Madhugiri 400 kV D/C line
- Madhugiri-Yelahanka 400 kV D/C Quad line.

The approval is subject to compliance of (a) the requirement of the relevant provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, as amended from time to time and the rules and regulations framed there under and (b) the rules governing the overhead lines as specified in the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 till they are substituted by corresponding rules framed under the Electricity Act, 2003.

This approval is also subject to the following conditions:

- The implementing agency will commence construction of the project within 3 years, unless this term is extended by the Ministry of Power.
- Ministry of Power may withdraw the approval before the expiry of the period of 3 years after giving a one-month notice.

Yours faithfully,

(K.V. Gopala Rao)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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