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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 13.9887 ha (Nirmal 9.7887 ha and Echoda 4.20 ha (revised from 8.0972)) of forest land for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400 / 200 KV SS Nirmal to the proposed 220/132 KV SS Utroor in Nirmal District under Thermal Power Transmission Scheme for evacuation of power from 4 X 270 MW units at Nirmalin favour of the Superintending Engineer, OMC Circle TS TRANSCO, Adilabad-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.2924/For.I(1)/2019 dated 15.10.2019 and PCCF letter No 9858/2017/FCA-3/PS dated 11.03.2020 and online application No.FP/TG/TRANS/27295/2017 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 22.04.2020. The State Government vide letter No. 2924/For.I(1)/2019 dated 08.09.2020 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's approval (Stage-II) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 13.9887 ha (Nirmal 9.7887 ha and Echoda 4.20 ha (revised from 8.0972) of forest land for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400 / 200 KV SS Nirmal to the proposed 220/132 KV SS Utroor in Nirmal District under Thermal Power Transmission Scheme for evacuation of power from 4 X 270 MW units at Nirmalin favour of the Superintending Engineer, OMC Circle TS TRANSCO, Adilabad, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;

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2. 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 State Forest Department from the amount already realized from the User Agency;
3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 19.60 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No 148 of Kadamba RF of Pothepally Beat, Chedwal Section, Penchikalpet Range of Kagaznagar Division and 8.40 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No 08 of Kaddam RF of Kowta (S) Beat, Sonala Section, Boath Range of Echoda Division, from the amount already realized from the User Agency;
4. The degraded forest land identified for CA and CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
5. 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;
6. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted width of 35 meters of the forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
7. The State Forest Department shall carry out and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line from the amount already realized from the User Agency;
8. 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;
9. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas;
10. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;

11. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
13. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
14. 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 nearby forest flora & fauna;
15. The trees on strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Future pollarding / pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local Forest Officer, wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;
16. During construction of transmission line, pollarding / pruning of trees located outside the 35 meters width of the strips whose branches / parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local Forest Officer;
17. 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;
18. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 13.9887 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
19. The approval under FCA,1980 is subject to the clearance under all other Acts, Rules, Guidelines, Regulations and Court Orders applicable to such project;
20. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer(Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad 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

21. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action provision under FCA, 1980 and guidelines made thereunder.

Yours faithfully,

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(R.Hemanth kumar)  
Regional Officer

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