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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 10.1437 ha (7.9657 ha in Medak Division + 2.178 ha in Sanga Reddy Division) of forest land for erection of 220 KV multi circuit line and UG Cable from 400 KV SS Narsapur to the proposed 220/132/33 KV Bowrampet SS in Ranga Reddy District in favour of Superintending Engineer, OMC/Metro-West/ TSTRANSCO, Mint Compound, Hyderabad-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 4282/For.I(1) /2018 dated 11.02.2019 and online proposal No FP/TG/TRANS/38380/2019 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 07.03.2019. The State Government vide letter No. 4282/For.I(1) /2018 dated 02.11.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 10.1437 ha (7.9657 ha in Medak Division + 2.178 ha in Sanga Reddy Division) of forest land for erection of 220 KV multi circuit line and UG Cable from 400 KV SS Narsapur to the proposed 220/132/33 KV Bowrampet SS in Ranga Reddy District in favour of Superintending Engineer, OMC/Metro-West/ TSTRANSCO, Mint Compound, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The State Forest Department shall demarcate diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over **15.9314 ha** of degraded forest land in Compt No 14 of Ghanor RF and Beat, Kulcharam Section & Kowdipally Range and **4.356 ha** of degraded forest land in Compt No 355 of Kodakanchi RF of Sanga Reddy Range from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
4. The State Forest Department shall carry out SMC works as propose, with a financial out lay of Rs.56,00,850 lakhs which has already been realized from the User Agency. Details of the SMC works proposed to be carried out shall be furnished within two months from the date of issuing of Stage II approval;
5. Minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted area shall be planted in the degraded forest land identified for CA. 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;
6. The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA shall not be left unspent;
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;
8. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
9. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 35 mtrs;
10. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
12. The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;



13. 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;
14. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the transmission lines;
15. The State Forest Department shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
16. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary and unavoidable;
17. 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 19th September, 2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
18. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **10.1437 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
19. The Progress in Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Medak & Sangareddy Forest Divisions shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad;
20. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, IRO, 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 as per the rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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