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To

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

Subject: Diversion 29.6878 ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV QMDC Line from the proposed 1X800 MW Power plant at KTPS, Palvanha to the proposed 400/220 KV SS at 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 the State Government's letter No. 1027/For.I(1)/2017-1 dated 07.04.2017 and online Proposal No. FP/TG/TRANS/20618/2016 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 11.08.2017. The State Government vide letter No. 1027/For.I(1)/2017 dated 20.11.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion **29.6878 ha** of forest land for erection of 400 KV QMDC Line from the proposed 1X800 MW Power plant at KTPS, Palvanha to the proposed 400/220 KV SS at 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 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;

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3. The Compensatory Afforestation work & its maintenance shall be carried out by the State Forest Department in the entire identified degraded forest land over 38.372 ha in Compartment No. 34 of Damaracharla Beat and 21.5 ha in Compartment No. 313 of Pogallapally RF of Paloncha Division, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
4. Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
5. **The Compensatory Afforestation area identified in Paloncha Division reported to be under encroachment shall be retrieved immediately from the encroacher(s) and carryout CA plantation as proposed; As reported by the state Government the CA area should be taken up for planting after retrieving from the encroachment to an extent of 21.5 ha in Paloncha Division in the next planting season and report of compliance to this effect should be submitted to IRO Hyderabad.**
6. 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;
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
8. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling.
9. User agency shall ensure that the labourers, staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora and fauna.
10. State Forest Department shall carry out raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
11. As per the assessment of DFOs concerned, the User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the transmission line is passing. **The amount which has already been realized from the User Agency towards special protection of the forest blocks shall be spent for the specific purpose and report on such activities to be carried out by the State Forest Department for special protection of the forest blocks shall be submitted to Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad every year;**



12. The State Forest Department shall carry out mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
13. State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of User Agency.
14. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove.
15. 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.
16. State Government and the user agency shall implement mitigation measures and other conditions as recommended by the Standing Committee of NBWL, from the amount of Rs. 40 lakhs claimed to be deposited with BIOSAT account;
17. The height of the line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to the normal level.
18. 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.
19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **29.6878 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
20. 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.
21. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of DFO, Wildlife Management, Paloncha and as mentioned by the 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 Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad;
22. 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;



23. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad, regularly.
24. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,



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Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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