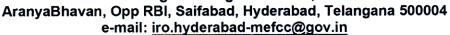


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F.No.4-TSC065/2017-CHN/129 Date 29th November, 2021

To,

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

Subject:

Diversion of 14.8906 ha of forest land in Nizamabad Division for construction of 220 kv DC Transmission Line from existing 400/220 kv subtraction Dichipally to proposed 143 MW Solar Energy Private Ltd near Kankal (V) of M/s Renew Solar Energy (Telangana) Private Ltd in Nizamabad District in favour of Chief Engineer, Warangal Zone, TSTRANSCO, Warangal-reg

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Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.460/For.I(1)/2017-1 dated 04.02.2017 and online proposal No. FP/TG/TRANS/21666/2016, 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 20.02.2017. The State Government vide letter No. 460/For.I(1)/2017 dated 16.11.2021 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 of 14.8906 ha of forest land in Nizamabad Division for construction of 220 kv DC Transmission Line from existing 400/220 kv subtraction Dichipally to proposed 143 MW Solar Energy Private Ltd near Kankal (V) of M/s Renew Solar Energy (Telangana) Private Ltd in Nizamabad District in favour of Chief Engineer, Warangal Zone, TSTRANSCO, Warangal, subject to the following conditions:-

- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) 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;
- iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over **30.23** ha of degraded forest in Compt.No. 275 of Hajjipur RF Varni Beat / Section / Range, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

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- iv) Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- v) 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;
- vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- vii) Minimal disturbance should be ensured 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;
- viii) Trees standing in the diverted area shall be felled strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officers concerned;
- ix) The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of user agency;
- x) The State Forest Department shall carryout 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;
- xi) As per the assessment of DFO concerned, the User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the transmission line is passing. 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;
- xii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or subleased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xiii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **14.8906** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xiv) 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;
- xv) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO Nizamabad in SI No 12 (v) (a) of part II i.e. 22.00 ha forest land shall be

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- monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
- 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;
- xvii) 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;
- xviii) 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,

(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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