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To

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

**Subject: Diversion of 6.086 Ha of Forest land in Kamareddy, Banswada and Nizamabad division for laying 220 KV double circuit line with multi circuit towers in Forest land to extend power supply to Yacharam Thanda Pump house under Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Package-22 in favour of Executive Engineer, Lift Irrigation Schemes, TS TRANSCO, Nizamabad.**

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 763/For.I(1)/2022 dated 11.03.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/TRANS/46239/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, the proposal was placed before the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 25.04.2022. REC has recommended the proposal for issuing Stage-I approval for diversion of 6.086 ha forest area under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to submission of feasibility or otherwise of accommodating proposed transmission line over the existing Solar power line/towers.

The Superintendent Engineer, Lift Irrigation Schemes, Karimnagar, TSTRANSCO vide his letter SE(LIS)/Karimnagar/ADE/F.Yachram/D.No.102/2022. Dt.25.04.2022 clarified that it is not feasible to utilize the existing adjacent solar power line corridor for the proposed project.

Based on the recommendation of REC, I am directed to convey the Central Government's *in principle* approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of **6.086 Ha** of Forest land in Kamareddy, Banswada and Nizamabad division for laying 220 KV double circuit line with multi circuit towers in forest land to extend power supply to Yacharam Thanda Pump house under Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Package-22 in favour of Executive Engineer, Lift Irrigation Schemes, TS TRANSCO, Nizamabad, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.

(iii) **COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION:**

- a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **14.60 ha** degraded forest land (Comp No. 417), at Amsanpally RF/Beat and Indalwai Range of Nizamabad division and district at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. **In the proposed CA scheme provision for watering of saplings planted shall be made for the first 4 years.**
- b. The CA land identified at the CA scheme submitted shall not be altered without the approval of Central Government.

- (iv) The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

(v) **NET PRESENT VALUE:**

- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the **6.086 ha** forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022.
  - b. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vi) User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
  - (vii) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
  - (viii) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
  - (ix) **The User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for scheme to the State Forest Department.**






- (x) **The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.**
- (xi) **The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.**
- (xii) User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (xiii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- (xiv) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (xv) 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.
- (xvi) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (xvii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xviii) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- (xix) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (xx) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- (xxi) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest Conservation act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing act/Rules and MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dt. 29/01/2018.
- (xxii) 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.
- (xxiii) The Compliance report shall be submitted through online (<http://parivesh.nc.in/>).



After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This *in-principle* approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this *in-principle* approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.


Yours faithfully,

  
(D. Manjunatha, IFS) 11/5/2022

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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