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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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District Forest Officer,
Coimbatore Division,
Coimbatore-641043.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
General Construction Circle,
Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO),
Tatabad,
Coimbatore – 641012.

Ref.No.3953/2022/D1 dated.21.12.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forests (Conservation) Act,1980 – Coimbatore Forest Division – Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land in Pillur slope RF of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District – Details called for – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. The Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Coimbatore – Lr. No. SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/MONT/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS / D.No.225/22, dated 05.08.2022
2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Lr. No. F.No.4-TNB113/2023-CHN/1291, dated 24.11.2023.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai Ref. No. TS3/43555/2021, dated 27.11.2023.
4. The Forest Range Officer, Karamadai Ref. No. 272/2023, dated 18.12.2023.

With reference to the above, the User Agency (ie) the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore is requested to fulfill the condition stipulated by the Government in the reference 2nd cited above and furnish the certificates / details / under taking / documents as detailed below:

- 1 The diverted forest area shall be fenced and the 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 at the cost of the User Agency.
- 2 The cost of Compensatory Afforestation is arrived as follows for raising Compensatory Afforestation Plantation over 10 ha of degraded forest area identified in Odanthurai RF of Sirumugai Range in Coimbatore Forest Division for Rs.67,30,488/- should be deposited in the concerned Head of Account after generating challan throw the Ministries web portal (Parivesh.nic.in)
- 3 As per the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department) Chennai reference cited and guidelines of the Government of India, the Net Present Value (NPV) of Eco Class - 1 for Very Dense Forest type is Rs. 15,95,790 per Ha. Hence, the diversion of 4.85 Ha. the NPV amount of Rs.77,39,582/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs

Thirty nine Thousand five Hundred and Eighty two only) should be deposited in the concerned Head of account after generating challan throw the Ministries web portal (Parivesh.nic.in).

i. Net Present Value

Rs.77,39,582/-

(4.85 Ha x Rs.15,95,790/-)

TOTAL

Rs. 77,39,582/-

- 4 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, the Additional amount of the 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.
- 5 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, 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.
- 6 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 7 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, the User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling.
- 8 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, 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.
- 9 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, the User Agency shall obtain prior approval of Hon'ble SC of India / CEC for felling of 116 spontaneous trees and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of DFO concerned.
- 10 As per the condition stipulated in the Stage – I approval, the User Agency should deposit an amount of Rs.12,75,000/- (Rs. Twelve Lakhs Seventy five thousand only) in the concerned Head of account after generating challan throw the Ministries web portal (Parivesh.nic.in) for implementing wildlife mitigation measures.
- 11 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that the total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.85 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- 12 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that the User agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all acts, rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 13 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai 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.

- 14 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, 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 issued under FCA, 1980.
- 15 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, the User Agency has to pay the cost towards felling and transportation cost of trees to be cut in the project area (199 numbers) to the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division for immediate execution of the felling of trees work after getting necessary permission for felling of trees.
- 16 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, the User agency in consultation of the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division has to explore possibility of translocation of trees wherever possible for the trees identified in the project area for felling.
- 17 The user agency should furnish an undertaking to effect that, the User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period as the forest area diversion is meant for commercial activity usage.

The Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore is requested to furnish the compliance report on fulfilling the conditions stipulated in the reference 2nd cited to obtain the stage - II approval from the Government of India.


Yours Sincerely,
Sd/-N.Jayaraj
District Forest Officer
Coimbatore Division.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore for kind information.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Karamadai

1. She is requested to Monitor the proposed Forest land to be diverted for improvement of 230KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali and furnish the nearest S.F.No. of the above land. So as to fix the land lease rent for the above diverted land.

/True copy By order/


Superintendent
22/12/22 22/12/22

By On-line / e-mail

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Subrat Mohapatra, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Forest Head Quarters Building,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
GCC, Transmission Line
Construction (TANTRANSCO),
No. 182, Dr. Subbarayan Road,
Tatabad, Coimbatore 641012.

C. No. TS3/43555/2021, Dated: 14.02.2024

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope Reserved Forests of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District in favour of Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, TANTRANSCO, Coimbatore – Stage-I approval accorded – Verification of fund details uploaded in parivesh web portal- Regarding

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Superintending Engineer, GCC, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore-12 - Proposal No. FP/TN/ Substation/149440/2021
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Forest Division
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS3/43555/2021, dated 17.11.2022, 01.03.2023, 18.06.2023 and 07.09.2023
- 5 Government letter No. 18747/FR.10/2022-5, dated 25.10.2023
- 6 Government of India, MoEF&CC, RO Chennai letter F. No. 4-TNB113/2023-CHN/129, dated 24.11.2023
- 7 District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division C. No. 3853/2022/D1, dated 21.12.2023
- 8 Form for verifying fund details uploaded by the user agency on 05.02.2024

I invite your attention to the references cited.

On the forest area diversion proposal furnished by Superintending Engineer, GCC, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore-12 for

diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope Reserved Forests of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District under proposal No. FP/TN/ Substation/149440/2021, Stage I approval of Government of India has been accorded vide reference 6th cited above with certain conditions imposed therein.

2) In the reference 8th cited above, Form for verifying funds details has been uploaded by the user agency in the web portal on 05.02.2024 along with a copy of demand letter issued by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division vide reference 7th cited above.

3) Details of amounts furnished by the user agency for verification is as follows.

Sl. No.	Description	Amount in Rs.
1	Compensatory afforestation and its maintenance	67,30,488
2	Net Present Value of forest area	77,39,582
3	Others - Wildlife Mitigation Plan	12,75,000
	Total	1,57,45,070

The user agency has submitted the verification of fund details for making full payment of the scheme.

4) In the Government of India letter 6th cited above, in the Stage-I approval, condition has been imposed for the following for complying the conditions and remarks on the payment proposed by the user agency is furnished hereunder.

Condition No. 4. State Forest Department shall carryout compensatory afforestation over 10 ha of degraded forest area identified in Odanthurai RF of Sirumugai Range in Coimbatore Forest Division at the cost of user agency.

– As per the CA scheme documents uploaded in the parivesh portal, an amount of Rs. 75,65,360/- has to be recovered from the user agency as against the proposed amount of Rs. 67,30,488/- mentioned in the District Forest Officer letter and details uploaded in the parivesh portal.

Condition No. 6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 4.85 ha from the user agency.

As per the Eco class and density of forest area reported in Part-II of Form-A, Net Present Value of forest area has to be recovered at Rs. 69,67,850/- for 4.85 ha forest area of Eco class 1 with density of 0.5 (Dense) @ Rs. 14,36,670/- per ha.

Condition No. 13. The State Forest Department shall ensure to implement proper Wildlife Mitigation measures as per the field requirement at the cost of user agency.

The District Forest Officer has informed the user agency to deposit Rs. 12.75,000/- for implementing wildlife Mitigation measures.

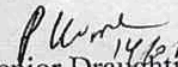
However, copy of wildlife mitigation measures for Rs. 12,75,000/- has not been enclosed with the District Forest Officer report.

Hence the demand uploaded by the user agency is rejected and informed to upload fresh demand letter for verification in the parivesh portal.

Sd/- Yogesh Singh,
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore and District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Forest Division, Coimbatore.

/True copy/ By order/


Senior Draughting Officer