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No:A8:LAND:FC/CR-78/2017-18

Date:- 30th November -2017

To,

✓ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
AranyaBhavan,Malleshwaram,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub:- Diversion of 0.895 ha of Forest Land in Ankasandra Reserved Forest Kurubarahalli village Sy.no.16,17 sy. No.19 of Talekoppa village in Gubbi Range for the purpose of laying 66 KV underground cable in favour of M/s Adani Green Energy (UP) ltd., Bangalore-reg.,

Ref:- 1) On Line Application by M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd., Bangalore dated:29-08-2017.
2) Letter No. ACF/FC/66KV/CR-122/2017-18 dated: 19-10-2017 of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Sub-Division, Tumkur.
3) Letter No.:A5/Land/Diversion/CR-110/2017-18 dated:03-10-2017 and 22-11-2017 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur.

With reference to the above subject, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur has submitted proposal reference No (3) for diversion of 0.895 ha of forest land in Ankasandra Reserve Forest in Kurubarahalli village Sy No.16,17 & 19 of Talekoppa village in Gubbi Range, Tumkur Division under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 in Ankasandra Reserved Forest Kurubarahalli village Sy.no.16,17 sy. No.19 of Talekoppa village in Gubbi Range for the purpose of laying 66 KV underground cable in favour of M/s Adani Green Energy (UP) ltd., Bangalore as applied by them.

The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Tumkur Division, Tumkur has inspected the proposed area on 30-10-2017 and 21-11-2017 and reported that the Safety zone area of 3.00 meters on both side of the proposed corridor for underground cable laying has been identified as safety zone both the sides. In addition to the 3.00 meters corridor as applied by the User Agency for laying of 66

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KV underground Cable, more 3.00 meters on both side of the proposed laying of underground cable is also identified and marked as safety zone area. Therefore, the total area falling under the Sy. No. 19 of Talekoppa Village and Sy. No. 16, 17 of Kurubarahalli Village in Ankasandra Reserved Forest are 237 and 758 mtr respectively. So, the total area comes to be around 0.895 ha. The total trees in the proposed area have been enumerated and the inventory list is made according to the species and its girth are also enclosed. And area of 0.895 ha forest land which includes the area as mentioned by User Agency for laying of underground cable in Sy No 19 of Talekoppa Village and Sy No 16, 17 of Kurubarahalli Village in Ankasandra Reserved Forest, applied for diversion as considered and recommended by the Deputy Conservator of Forests Tumkur for the said purpose under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 is transmitted to your further perusal keeping all other better options in your account for taking further necessary action in the matter.

Though the land required by the user agency is barest and minimum for the project yet the option is open for overhead high power transmission line within the same area available for the project. As reported by DCF Tumkur the area falls under open forest Eco-class-III. The forest is considered poor and open due to over exploitation in the past and much of the area is covered with scrub type of thorny species as reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests Tumkur saying that the present condition is patchy growth. On inspection it is found that the area though found degraded and patchy has potential for regeneration which shall show considerably better growth of growing stock due to plantations and enhanced natural regeneration with the passage of time.

The details of survey number wise and village wise forest area applied for implementation of the project is as under:

Division/ District	Range/Tesil village	Survey number compartment number	Forest Area in ha	Legal status of Forest area
Tumkur	Talekoppa&Kur ubarahalli	16, 17 & 19	0.895	AnkasandraRes erve Forest

The GPS co-ordinates details is as according to Sketches & Maps furnished in Annexure-4 & 5. The user agency has given undertaking to pay Net present value, Lease rent, undertaking for safety zone regulation and its periodic maintenance together with penal compensatory afforestation charges and any other charges imposed by state Forest Department.

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No work has been taken up in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 so far. Total 238 number of trees or more are to be felled for implementation of the Project on actual final enumeration of trees, bushes and shrubs.. Abstract of tree enumeration is enclosed in Appendix-12. The actual cost of extraction and transportation cost of timber and firewood has to be paid by the user agency. The user agency has to deposit planting cost for cutting and regeneration of trees in 1:10 ratio as per the guidelines of National Green Tribunal, New Delhi vide order in M.No. 167 of 2016 dated:14-03-2017.

Ensuring compliance of the scheduled tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 and Forest Rights and Rules 2008 may not be required for the projects like underground cable where linear diversion of forest land in several villages area involved, unless recognized right of PTG/PAC are being affected vide MOEF (FD division) letter no.F.No.11-9/98-FC(pt) dated:05-02-2013 and exempted from the requirement of obtaining consent of the concerned Gram Sabhas. The same may be applicable to this project has been recommended from the office of Deputy Conservator of Forests Tumkur.

Personal spot inspection the area on 14-11-2017 was conducted and the result of spot is recorded in Proforma-III and enclosed in Annexure 13 being submitted both hard copy and online. Though requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is kept minimum and unavoidable for implementation of the project, however, proposal is being submitted for your further consideration of better options, easy alternatives and informed decisions while taking this case for diversion of forest land for this project under section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Required information/ documents are submitted in Appendix 1 to


16. Electrical transmission line configuration with slightly higher voltage and current levels generate larger values of electric and magnetic field (EMF) stresses which may adversely affect the health and hygiene of flora, fauna and ecosystem functioning at ground surfaces which may need further investigation into the adverse impact on local environment. User agency must make informed decision in view of the economic utility and long term sustenance of the project, together with safety zone demarcation on the ground, correct configuration of linear project whether underground or overhead, environment savvy installation of the apparatus, maintenance of the project area on periodic basis etc. Overhead installation of powerlines as being taken up by KPTCL and other government agencies would be more appropriate being technically feasible, ecologically secure and environmentally sound.

Proposal as applied and recommended by the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Tumkur Division, Tumkur along with report and documents received as

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aproposal submitted by the user agency for diversion of 0.895 ha of forest land in Gubbi range, Tumkur division for laying of underground 66 KV transmission cable at Talekoppa Sy.no.19 & Kurubarahalli Sy.No.16 & 17 of Ankasandra Reserve Forest in favour of M/s Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd, Bangalore in 4 sets submitted for favor of your kind perusal and further needful action.

Yours faithfully


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Hassan Circle, Hassan.

- Copy forwarded to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur for information and necessary action.
- Copy forwarded to the M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP), Bangalore for information and necessary action.