

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1388/Section-II/2018

Dated:23-03-2018

From
The Principal Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.
Regional Office, 1st and 2nd Floors,
Handloom Export promotion Council Building
34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 74.48 Ha of forest land (i.e. 17.72 Ha in Nellore Division and 56.76 Ha in Proddatur Wildlife management Division) for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission line from Kadapa -Chilakaluripeta by PSTSL (100% subsidiary of POWERGRID), in favour of Manager (CAO), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Badvel - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, Lr.No.6969/2016/FCA-3, Dt.14-3-2018



I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 74.48 Ha of forest land (i.e. 17.72 Ha in Nellore Division and 56.76 Ha in Proddatur Wildlife management Division) for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission line from Kadapa -Chilakaluripeta by PSTSL (100% subsidiary of POWERGRID), in favour of Manager (CAO), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Badvel.

2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. the Power Grid Corporation Ltd. (A Government of India Enterprise) has furnished justification stating that the proposed transmission line is falling in WLM Proddatur & Nellore Divisions surrounded by Reserve Forest Area as such there is no other feasible alternative route except the proposed alignment and the area is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The District Collectors of Kadapa & SPSR Nellore Districts have issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded on the Ministry's web site and unique file No. FP/AP/TRANS/26388/2017 has been generated. The concerned filed officers and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The recommendation in the proforma Part-V proposal is enclosed herewith.

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3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 74.48 Ha of forest land (i.e. 17.72 Ha in Nellore Division and 56.76 Ha in Proddatur Wildlife management Division) for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission line from Kadapa -Chilakaluripeta by PSTSL (100% subsidiary of POWERGRID), in favour of Manager (CAO), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Badvel, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,


for Principal Secretary to Government


Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.(w.e)- He is requested to take action to upload the proposal in the
website of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
including Part-V as enclosed.

The Manager (CAO), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,
Badvel, DR YSR Kadapa.



PART-V

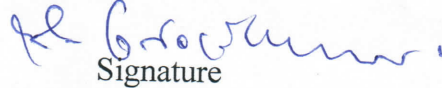
(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

(Letter No.1388/Section-II/2018, Dated.23-03-2018 for diversion of 74.48 Ha of forest land (i.e. 17.72 Ha in Nellore Division and 56.76 Ha in Proddatur Wildlife management Division) for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission line from Kadapa -Chilakaluripeta by PSTSL (100% subsidiary of POWERGRID), in favour of Manager (CAO), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Badvel)

“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 74.48 Ha of forest land in Nellore & Proddatur Wildlife management Divisions for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission line from Kadapa - Chilakaluripeta by PSTSL (100% subsidiary of POWERGRID), in favour of Manager (CAO), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Badvel”


Signature

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Name & Designation
Principal Secretary to Government
(Official Seal)
Environment, Science & Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Date: 23-03-2018

Place: Amaravati