

Government of West Bengal
Department of Forests
For Branch
Aranya Bhavan, Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City
Kolkata-700 106

No. 426-For/O/L/10T-06/2019

Kolkata, the 19th March 2021

MEMORANDUM

Sub: Diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land for drawl of 11 KV feeder from 33/11 KV Gayerkata substation to Khuttimari Forest Rest House under Moraghat Range for village electricity in favour of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL)

The undersigned is directed to refer to the proposal contained in no. 6121/L</2M-1480/2019 dt. 27/9/2019 on the subject noted above from the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, West Bengal.

After careful consideration of the said proposal, recommended and forwarded by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, CAMPA, the Governor is pleased to accord In-Principle/Stage-1 approval as per proviso laid down in chapter 4 of Part B of guideline mentioned in F. No.5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28/3/2019 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change(FC Division), Government of India & in pursuance of Sec 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.90 ha of Forest land in favour of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. for drawl of 11 KV feeder from 33/11 KV Gayerkata Substation to Khuttimari Forest Rest House under Moraghat Range for village electricity under Jalpaiguri Forest Division subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/fauna in the surroundings, and, therefore, shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 1.80 ha of degraded forest land identified at Forest Block-North Diana, Beat-Carron, Range-Diana, District-Jalpaiguri.
4. The User Agency shall plant and maintain ten times the number of trees felled on the diverted land to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose will be identified by the State Forest Department (preferably in the surrounding area of the project). Indigenous forest tree species shall be used for such plantations. Trees, if planted on the diverted area, will not be felled without the permission of the State Forest Department. Trees, planted in surrounding area, will belong to State Forest Department.
5. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted Forest land and cost of raising CA as established by law and in pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
6. Permission granted by this Department shall be subject to the monitoring by the State Government and the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.

7. Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. Any change in the land use without prior permission of the Central/State Government shall amount to the violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
8. State Forest Department or the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India may impose, from time to time, any other condition in the interest of conservation, protection and/or development of Forest.
9. No construction work should be initiated before compliance of the conditions laid down hereinabove.

After receipt of compliance of fulfilment of the above conditions, formal approval will be issued in this regard under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

By order of the Governor



Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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Kolkata, the 19th March 2021

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF)
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Jalpaiguri Forest Division.
4. The Inspector General of Forest (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, IB-198, Broadway Road, IB Block, Sector-III, Salt lake City, Kolkata-700 106.
5. The Project Manager, West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., Administrative Building, Ground Floor, Indira Gandhi Colony, SJDA Composite complex, Jalpaiguri-735 121.

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal