

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Executive Engineer,
O&M, TANGEDCO,
Krishnagiri.

C.No. 36/2018/D1, dated: 28.02.2022

(மூலீலவ வருடம், தை மாதம் 16, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2052)

Sir,

Sub : Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Hosur Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land for laying 11 kv transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli RF for the benefit of Patta holders (enclosure in RF) of Krishnagiri District – Online submission of proposal by the User Agency –Demand letter for Stage 1 Forest Clearance compliance - Regarding.

- Ref : 1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change & Forests (FR.10) Department, Secreteriat, Chennai Lr. No. 22180/FR.10/2021-1 dated. 21.01.2022.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai C.No.TS3/44731/2019 dated.07.02.2022.
3. The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri C.No.8628/2018/D dated.18.02.2022.

I invite your kind attention to the reference 1st cited wherein the Government has conveyed stage 1 approval with conditions and instructed to send compliance report for issuing final approval. Therefore, I request that the following documents / details may be furnished to this office urgently for submitting compliance report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

1. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the user agency. The user agency is requested to construct the pillars as mentioned in the Government letter.
3. The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value, which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

4. The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value, which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
5. Amount of Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred / deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).
6. The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.777 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 1110 m and right of way width of 7m.
8. Information board on diversion of forest area shall be erected along the transmission path at regular intervals at the cost of User Agency.
9. For the protection of forest and wildlife, following measures should be done by the User Agency in the project area at their cost.
 - I. To avoid electrocution to wild animals, the electric pole along the path shall be erected with 9 meter pole.
 - II. The electric line shall be erected with DP structure with fuse control arrangement at TANGEDCO end.
 - III. The electric pole shall be protected with pole earthing and electrical lines provided with guarding arrangements to avoid damage and electrocution to the wildlife.
 - IV. The transmission line should be erected with tripping mechanism.
 - V. The User Agency has to provide ELCB (Earth Leakage Current Breakage) arrangements all along the transmission line in the forest area and immediate outside the forest areas, so as to prevent electrocution death of wild animals.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances no be transferred to any other agency/department or person without prior approval of State Government.


11. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.
12. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and Wildlife.
13. Period of lease can be fifteen (15) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

The User Agency shall furnish undertakings for all the above details / conditions stipulated by the Government shall be complied for taking further action.

Encl: Reference 1.

Sd/- K. Karthikeyani,
Wildlife Warden,
Hosur Forest Division.

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TANGEDCO

From

Er.K.Muthusamy.BE.,
Executive Engineer,
O&M/ TANGEDCO,
Krishnagiri.

To

✓ The Wildlife Warden,
Hosur Forest Division,
Mathigiri,
Hosur – 635 110.

Lr.No. EE/O&M/K.giri/TA/F.Forest/D.No.021/2022, Dated: 20.04.2022

Sir,

Sub TANGEDCO – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Hosur Forest Division –
: Proposal for diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land for laying 11 kv transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli RF for the benefit of Patta holders (enclosure in RF) of Krishnagiri District – Online submission of proposal – Demand letter for Stage 1 Forest Clearance compliance - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – Executive Engineer, O&M, TANGEDCO, Krishnagiri – Proposal No. FP/TN/VELEC/2018.
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I wish to inform that, with reference to the above letter cited, I undertake the following conditions stipulated by the Government for the proposed diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land in Veppanapalli Reserved Forests for laying 11 kv transmission line for the benefit of agriculture patta land holders (enclosure in RF).

1. The legal status of the diverted forest land will be remained unchanged.
2. The forest area proposed for diversion will be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by TANGEDCO. TANGEDCO will be constructed the pillars as mentioned in the Government letter.
3. As per the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) File No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated. 06.01.2022 point number 4 (viii), Net Present Value exempted for "Electricity distribution line upto 22KV in rural areas with the conditions laid down that;

Full exemption upto 1 ha of forest land provided:

- a. no felling of trees is involved;
- b. alternate forest land is not available;
- c. the project is of non-commercial nature and is part of the Plan / Non-plan Scheme of Government; and
- d. the area is outside National Park / Sanctuary”

As per the above Government Order, the proposed 11kv transmission line is exempted for Payment of Net Present Value .If any Payment for Net Present Value will be applied for the project, TANGEDCO will be ready to pay as fixed by Forest Department in future. And also requested to send the demand if any for this project.

4. TANGEDCO has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value, which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.(Reference. Hon'ble Court's order dated 28.03.2008 in Writ petition (Civil) No.202 of 1996)
5. If any Net Present Value applicable for the project, the amount will be transferred / deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>) by TANGEDCO.
6. TANGEDCO will pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project is not exceed 0.777 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 1110 m and right of way width of 7m.
8. Information board on diversion of forest area will be erected along the transmission path at regular intervals at the cost of TANGEDCO.
9. For the protection of forest and wildlife, following measures will be done by TANGEDCO in the project area at TANGEDCO cost.
 - I. To avoid electrocution to wild animals, the electric poles along the path will be erected with 9 .0 meter height of Psc pole.
 - II. The electric line will be erected with DP structure with fuse control arrangement in the take up pole at TANGEDCO end.

- III. The electric pole will be protected with pole earthing and electrical lines provided with guarding arrangements to avoid damage and electrocution to the wildlife.
 - IV. The transmission line will be erected with tripping mechanism.
 - V. TANGEDCO will provide ELCB (Earth Leakage Current Breakage) arrangements all along the transmission line in the forest area and immediate outside the forest areas, so as to prevent electrocution death of wild animals.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted will under any circumstances not be transferred to any other agency/department or person without prior approval of State Government.
11. The TANGEDCO will abide by the Rules, framed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and as per rules in force.
12. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change stipulated from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and Wildlife.
13. Period of lease will be fifteen (15) years. TANGEDCO has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

Hence, I request that, Stage II clearance may kindly be issued so as to carry out the proposed works within the time frame.


Executive Engineer,
O&M/ TANGEDCO,
Krishnagiri.

Copy Submitted to the Superintending Engineer/Dev/KEDC/Krishnagiri
For kind information please.

Copy to Assistant Executive Engineer/O&M/Rural/Krishnagiri
To follow up action and report the status immediately