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To

The Secretary (Forests), Government of Goa, Secretariat Annexe, Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa -403 521.

Subject:

Diversion of 0.555 ha. of forest land for construction of approach road to establishment of 2x500 MVA 400/220 KV Substation at Sangod village, Dharbandora Taluk, North Goa Division and District in favour of M/s. Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Ltd. - reg.

Sir.

Please refer to the Dy. Conservator of Forests, Monitoring & Evaluation, Forest Department, Government of Goa's letter No.6-888-2019-20-FD/3326 dated 14/10/2019 and 11/04/2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 4A of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 in its meeting held on 24/04/2020.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys the in-principle approval (Stage-I) for the diversion of 0.555 ha. of forest land for construction of approach road to establishment of 2x500 MVA 400/220 KV Substation at Sangod village, Dharbandora Taluk, North Goa Division and District in favour of M/s. Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Ltd. subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the cost of User Agency.
- 3. The cost of raising plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be realised from the user agency. The location of the area identified for raising the plantation shall be furnished for considering Stage-II Clearance.
- 4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.555 ha. from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

- 5. 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. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred /deposited to CAMPA fund only through (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
- 7. Suitable animal passage shall be constructed by the User Agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 11. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.555 ha.
- 12. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 13. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
- 14. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
- 15. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018. The State Government and user agency shall comply with the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. The forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours sincerely,

(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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- The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation)/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
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