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Dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

To

The Principal Secretary,  
Department of Environment and Forests,  
Government of Bihar, Sinchai Bhawan,  
Secretariat, Patna.

Sub: Diversion of 1.8446 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C Nabinagar - Patna Transmission Line in favour of Power grid Corporation of India Limited in Patna & Aurangabad district of Bihar.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No.Van Bhumi-09/2018-327(E)/Pa.Va. dated 16.3.2018 of the State Government & letter No.FC-413 dated 4.5.2018 of Nodal Officer on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of decision of Regional Empowered Committee held on 20.3.2018, the Central Government, hereby, conveys "in-principle" approval for diversion of 1.8446 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C Nabinagar -Patna Transmission Line in favour of Power grid Corporation of India Limited in Patna & Aurangabad district of Bihar, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions.

1. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Govt. shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest area proposed to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.
3. Additional amount of NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency.
4. Compensatory Afforestation over the degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest land being diverted shall be raised and maintained by the State



Forest Department at the cost of the user agency. The user agency shall transfer the cost of plantation and its maintenance for 10 years (revised as on the date to incorporate the existing wage structure) to State Forest Department.

5. User Agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, cost of dwarf species plantation etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
6. The boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS coordinates, forward and back bearing and distance from adjoining pillars etc.
7. Transmission lines should be aligned in such a way that it involves the least amount of tree cutting. Felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be restricted to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas for collection of firewood for their use.
10. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers, staff engaged in construction activity do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna.
11. The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.
12. Width of Right of Way for the Transmission Line shall be limited to 46 m.
13. The User Agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals like elephant.
14. To minimize the felling of trees for construction of Transmission Line, User Agency shall comply with the following guidelines:
  - a) The normal width clearance below each conductor or conductor bundle in case of 400 KV D/C line will be 7 m only. The trees on such strips may be