

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To
The Spl.Chief Secretary to the Government,
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Department,
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Ref. No. EFS02-15035/2/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-,
Dated:06/09/2024.

Sir,

Sub:APFD – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), 1980 – Diversion of 2.63 ha of forest land in Compt No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF (0.87 ha), Dhone Range and in Compt No.334, Rangapuram RF (1.76 ha), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/2020 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Bethamacherla in Kurnool District – Stage-I approval accorded – Compliance report submitted – Reg.

Ref: 1. Govt.Memo.No.846/Section.II/2022, EFS&T (Section.II) dept.,
- dt.05.01.2024.
2. CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.No.1949/2019-TO,
dt.24.08.2024.

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Kind attention is invited to the reference 1st cited. The State Government while communicating in-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded by MoEF&CC, Gol, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Chennai in Lr.No.4-APB171/222-VIJ/41, dt.03.01.2024 in respect of the proposal for diversion of 2.63 ha of forest land in Compartment No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF (0.87 ha), Dhone Range and in Compartment No.334, Rangapuram RF (1.76 ha), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/2020 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Bethamacherla in Kurnool District in favour of EE, Construction division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool, has requested to furnish compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval.

2) In the reference 2nd cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted in-principle/Stage-I compliance report, which is as follows;

S.No.	Condition stipulated in in-principle/Stage-I	Compliance submitted
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	approval	
1.	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking stating that, the legal status of the proposed diversion of Forest Land will remain unchanged (Annexure-I).
2.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the User Agency has demarcated the boundary of the diverted forest land on ground as per the directions of the District Forest Officer, Nandyal duly constructing the cement concrete pillars (Annexure-II).
3.	Compensatory afforestation and its maintenance over degraded forest area of 5.26 Ha within 6.28 Ha. identified in Compartment No.49 & 50 of Gundlakonda shall be carried out by the State Forest Department from the funds to be provided by the User Agency;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the compensatory afforestation would be carried out in degraded forest area of 5.26 Ha within 6.28 Ha. identified in Compartment No. 49 & 50 of Gundlakonda RF of Adoni Range of Kurnool Division. Further, he has reported that, the User Agency deposited Rs. 45.758 lakh towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme in "A.P.State CAMPA Fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide UTR No;0206220240307480130 DT;04.03.2024 and enclosed the copy of same (Annexure-III).
4.	The Forest Department shall ensure that the CA scheme as proposed in the diversion proposal shall be implemented in its entirety and the approved compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the compensatory afforestation would be carried out in degraded forest area of 5.26 Ha within 6.28 Ha. identified in Compartment No. 49 & 50 of Gundlakonda RF of Adoni Range of Kurnool Division and the CA Scheme would not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
5.	As reported, plantation of dwarf medicinal species under the transmission line	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, Additional compensatory afforestation would be carried out in

	is not possible as the area is having rocky patch. Hence, as proposed additional compensatory afforestation shall be carried out over an extent of 2.63 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Compartment No. 316 Gulamaliabad South RF, Dhone Range, at the cost of the UA	the degraded forest area of 2.63 ha. of forest land identified in Compartment No. 316, Gulamaliabad South RF, Dhone Range. Further, he has reported that, the User Agency has deposited Rs. 18.50 lakhs towards the cost of Additional Compensatory Afforestation Scheme in "A.P.State CAMPA Fund" of the Andhra Pradesh state through e-challan vide UTR No.0206220240307480130 Dt:04.03.2024 and enclosed the copy of the same (Annexure-III).
6.	The state Government shall upload the KML file of 2.63 ha. of DFL area identified for addl.CA, in PARIVESH portal in consultation with the NIC, New Delhi;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the KML File of 2.63 ha of DFL area identified for additional CA, would be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal after stage II approval.
7.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 2.63 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 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the User Agency deposited Rs. 25.18961 lakhs towards the cost NPV in "A.P.State CAMPA Fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide UTR No;0206220240307480130 DT;04.03.2024 and enclosed a copy of the same (Annexure-III).
8.	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	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the User Agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-IV).

	shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	
9.	Considering violation of FCA, 1980, action to be taken on User Agency, Forest Department officials are as follows;	
(a)	The State Government shall realize penalty (Penal NPV) of 5 times of NPV plus 12 percent simple interest till the deposit is made for an exact extent of area, i.e., 0.02725 ha, under violation as per provisions made in the comprehensive hand book under section 1.21 (ii) (a) and (b);	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user Agency has deposited Rs. 1.97055 lakhs for violation of 0.02725 ha. through e-challan vide UTR No;0206220240307480130 DT;04.03.2024.
(b)	The State Government shall furnish a detailed report on violation along with details of erring officials for further action under section 3A & 3B of the Adhiniyam.	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, a detailed report submitted by DFO, Nandyal in Rc.No.999/2019/A4, dt.04.08.2023 was already submitted, which was submitted by this office in Rc.No.EFS02-15035/2/2019-FCA-1, dt.16.08.2023 to the State Government.
(c)	The State Government shall take action on Forest Department Officials as per provisions made in the comprehensive hand book under section 1.21 (ii) and (d) and complete action taken report shall be submitted before issuance of Stage-II approval.	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, explanation memos were issued to the concerned staff vide DFO, Kurnool Rc.NO.999/2020/H5, dt.03.08.2021 and Rc.No.3762/2020/H6, dt.16.11.2020.
10.	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nci.in/)	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency deposited the fund under the project to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.
11.	Width of RoW shall be maintained as per the standard specification as per the Ministry's guidelines and additional	Reply not submitted by CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool. However, user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with the

	forest area shall not be utilized beyond 2.63 ha. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	condition (Annexure-IX)
12.	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-X).
13.	The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission lines at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XI).
14.	The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XII)..
15.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction of materials for execution of the project work;	The CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XIII).
16.	Future pollarding / pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;	The CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XIV).
17.	The User Agency shall provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply

	to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;	with the condition(Annexure-XV).
18.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XVI).
19.	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project and all other mandatory clearances required for such transmission line projects shall be obtained by the User Agency;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XVII).
20.	Any other condition that the DDG, Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency.	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XVIII).
21.	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions made in the Rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XIX).
22.	The KML file of the area diverted and compensatory Afforestation area shall be	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the KML File of the area diverted and compensatory Afforestation area would be uploaded in

	uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report;	the e-green watch portal with all requisite details after stage II approval.
23.	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.	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition(Annexure-XX).
24.	The state Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), before issue order for working permission and diversion as the case may be;	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, there are no Forest dwellers as certified in in the Annexure-B of statements showing certificates A to H in the proposals for diversion of forest land in RoFR Rc No:T5/1855/2021 dt 27.12.2021(Annexure-XXI).
25.	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has reported that, the user Agency uploaded the compliance report on stage I approval in Parivesh Portal on 09.04.2024.

3) The Stage-I compliance report submitted by the CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool is submitted herewith.

4) The Government is requested to consider Stage-I compliance report and forward the same to MoEF&CC, Gol, sub-office Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Chiranjiv Choudhary Ifs
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for information.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Nandyal (T) for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, A.P Transco, 32/33 KV Sub Station Compound, A.P TRANSCO Near Bellary Chowrasta,

Kurnool, Kurnool District for information.

