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To,

Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar,

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

A-407 & A-409, Aranya Bhavan,

CH-3 Circle, Sectr-10 A,

Gandhinagar-382010

Subject: Diversion of 3.5595 ha. Protected Forest for construction of 220 Single Circuit (S/C) Transmission line from Jakhotra to GETCO's 400/200 KV Charanka Substation in Santalpur Taluka of Patan District in favour of Torrent Solar Power Private Ltd, Ahmedabad.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJB097/2021-BHO/ dated 11.01.2022 on the subject cited above and it is informed that:-

Sr. No.	Condition	Compliance
A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over to forest land by the State Forest Department :-		
1.	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	The User Agency has already transferred an amount of Rs.43,80,080/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Survey, Demarcation and Boundary pillars in the CAMPA fund.
2.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 3.5595 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24/04/2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.23,85,363/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.

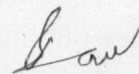
	No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt. II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and chapter 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 in this regard.	
3.	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has already given the undertaking in this regard.
4.	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	The User Agency has submitted a FRA certificate from Collector Patan.
5.	The KML files of diverted area and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval.	The User Agency has agreed
6.	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	Funds from the user agency has been transferred online to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.
B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:-		
1.	Legal Status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has agreed
2.	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 8.00 ha degraded forest land at Compartment No.104/pt, Village-Vauva, Range:- Santalpur RF, Taluka-Santalpur, District-Patan at the cost of user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and monoculture	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.43,80,080/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.

	of any species, especially non-native species should be avoided.	
3.	No tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of this project.	The User Agency has agreed
4.	No violation of FCA certificate from concerned DFO shall be provided.	No violation of FCA certificate of DCF Patan has enclosed.
5.	The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme of the State Forest Department.	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.19,48,860/- towards the cost of maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the CAMPA fund.
6.	The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.	The User Agency has Agreed
7.	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.	The User Agency has Agreed
8.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has Agreed
9.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has Agreed
10.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department of the Forest Development corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The User Agency has Agreed
11.	The boundary of the forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	The User Agency has Agreed
12.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the	The User Agency has Agreed

	project work.	
13.	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.	The User Agency has Agreed
14.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has undertaken that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose, other than that specified in the FCA Proposal.
15.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.	The User Agency has Agreed
16.	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 dt.29/01/2018.	No Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
17.	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.	The User Agency has Agreed
18.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.

In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, it is requested to issue a formal approval.

Yours Faithfully,



(S. J. Pandit)

Additional Secretary

Forest & Environment Department

Encl. As above.

copy to:-

1. Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State, 'Aranya Bhavan' Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
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