



Government of Gujarat

Forest & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1021/3-43/20/SF-66/F

Date: 28 JAN 2022

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 0.2498 ha. (GoI Guideline Chapter-10 0.2269 ha.) Protected Forest land for construction of 220 KV D/C transmission line project from AGEL PSS-II at Dedhia to Bhuj-II PGCIL Suh-station at Kadiya Nana in Kachchh District in favour of Adani Green Energy Limited, Ahmedabad.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJB071/2021-BHO/ dated 06.09.2021 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 on the CA land (1.00 ha.) at the prevailing wage rates at the compensatory afforestation scheme (including the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars etc. as required for securing the land against encroachment) shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the Project Authority. The CA 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.4,97,726/- 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 0.2498 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.1,09,413/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.

	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 No. 566 in WP © 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 3 of FCA Handbook, 2019 in this regard.	
3.	The User Agency should prepare a site specific <i>Wildlife management plan</i> to mitigate the effect of the project over wildlife before the issuance of Stage-II approval and implemented by User Agency at their own project cost.	N.A.
4.	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.
5.	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 Kutch-Bhuj. (
6.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per para of 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by the ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.	No Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
7.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.
8.	The KML files of the area to be diverted area, the CA area, the proposed SMC work, the proposed Catchment Area Treatment Area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as in case may be.	The User Agency has agreed
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 1.00 ha degraded forest land at Compartment No.889/pt, Village-Mauvana, Taluka-Rapar, District-Kutch at the cost of user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and monoculture of any species, especially non-native species should be avoided.	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.4,97,726/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.
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.	No tree felling shall be involved during the implementation of this project.	The User Agency has agreed
5.	The User Agency should fence the base of the tower by Chain Link Fencing to prevent the electrocution of Elephant/Wild Animals in forest area at on their cost. The concerned DCF shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific tower which shall be fenced.	The User Agency has agreed
6.	The user agency shall comply with the guideline for laying Transmission Lines through forest as per the chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	The User Agency has agreed
7.	The boundary of the forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, at per the directions of the concerned by Dy. Conservator of Forest.	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.	The User Agency shall provide alternative 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.	The User Agency has Agreed
11.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	The User Agency has Agreed
12.	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.	The User Agency has Agreed
13.	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.
14.	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
15.	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

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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