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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment
M.S.Building, Bengaluru-560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.645 hectare forest land in Sy No 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy No. 88 (2.97 ha) Gorvinakallu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying of 66 KV SC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 kms (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Chitradurga –reg

Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/35444/2018 [Form-A]

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office (Southern Zone) Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB 1270/2020- BAN/987 dated 22-12-2020 [Stage-I approval]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No.FEE 75 FLL 2020e dated 15-02-2021 [communication of Stage-I approval]
 3. This office letter of even number dated 25-02-2021 [communication of Stage-I approval to User Agency & field officers]
 4. Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Chitradurga letter No.EEE/MWD/CTA/21-22/F-/2481-84 dated 20-11-2021 [Compliance Report]
 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division Chitradurga letter No. A6/FC/KPTCL/35444/CR-3/2019-20 Dated:17-12-2022 [Compliance Report]
 6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari letter No.M1:TRNLINE/KPTCL/CR-8/2019-20 dated 05-01-2023 [Compliance Report]

The Government of India vide Ref (1) have accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 4.645 hectare forest land in Sy No 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy No.

88 (2.97 ha) Gorvinakallu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying of 66 KV SC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 kms (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Chitradurga, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

Based on Stage-I approval for the project, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has directed to submit the compliance report of conditions of Stage-I approval.

Accordingly, this office vide Ref (3) informed the User Agency and field officers to submit the compliance report of in respect of the conditions of Stage-I approval.

In response, the User Agency vide Ref (4) has submitted the compliance report to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, who after verification has vide Ref (5) submitted the condition wise compliance to the Chief Conservator of Forests Ballari Circle, Ballari who has further submitted the same to this office vide Ref (6) respectively.

Based on the reports received as above, the status of Compliance to the conditions of Stage-I approval is as under.

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the state Forest Department.		
	Stage-I approval condition	Status of Compliance
1	The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, 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. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned	The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 37,29,935/- for 4.645 ha @ Rs.8,03,000/- per ha towards NPV charges to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal dated 16-11-2021 Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed ANNEXURE-1
2	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation over double the extent of degraded forest land in Sy. No 1, Kudrekanive village, Srirampura Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District at the current wage	The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs.1,83,60,000/-towards the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation for 10 ha @ Rs.18.36 lakh per ha and Rs 99,31,780/- watering charges for 10 ha @ Rs. 9.931 lakh per ha Rs 99,31,780/-to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal (Transaction date 28-07-2022 and

	rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include provision for watering and SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	16-11-2021) Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed. [ANNEXURE-1]
3	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/) Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the stage-1 clearance.	The User Agency has made above mentioned payment towards Compensatory levies to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal. Copy of Status of Payment Page taken from FC Web Portal is enclosed [ANNEXURE-1].
4	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The User Agency has uploaded the compliance report in e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
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 obtained FRA certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga vide No. FRA-1/CR-2019-20 dated 30-12-2019. Attested copy of the same is enclosed. [ANNEXURE-2]
6	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.	The User Agency has demarcated the proposed forest area by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters. Photographs and the GPS co-ordinates of the same are enclosed. [ANNEXURE-3]
7	The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall 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 to the State Forest Department. <i>(As per the Government of India letter dated 03/08/2021 it is clarified that the Cost of raising plantation of dwarf species shall be realized from user agency transferred/deposited to the CAMPA fund through parivesh portal)</i>	The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 33,67,625/- for 4.645 ha towards Medicinal Plantation charges to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal <i>(Transaction date 16-11-2021 and 28-07-2022)</i> Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed. [ANNEXURE-1]
8	Violation of any of these conditions	The User Agency has agreed to comply

	will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter no.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.	with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
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 diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
2	Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over double the extent of degraded forest land within three years from the date of Stage- II Clearance and Maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified degraded forest land within three years of grant of final approval. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescription of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
3	At the time of payment of the Net present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
4	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 to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
5	No labour camp shall be established on	The User Agency has agreed to comply

	the forest land.	with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
6	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 or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
7	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 to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
8	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 to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
10	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
11	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the central Government.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
12	The concerned Divisional Forest officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
13	The User Agency shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
14	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an

	of the above stated conditions to the state Government and Integrated Regional office Bangalore by the end of march every year.	Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]
15	The User Agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines. Hon'ble Court order (s) and NGT order (s) pertaining to this project, if any for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-4]

In view of the above mentioned compliance to conditions of Stage-I approval as reported by the field officers, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change to accord final approval (Stage-II) for diversion of 4.645 hectare forest land in Sy No 87 (1.675 ha) and Sy No. 88 (2.97 ha) Gorvinakallu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for laying of 66 KV SC line from proposed 220 KV Hosadurga Line to link existing Halurameshwara 66 KV SC line near Honnenahalli limits for a distance of 8.553 kms (new corridor) in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Chitradurga under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action. The present status of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours Faithfully


(Vijay Sharma, I.F.S.)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

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

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, #9584 & 9585, 1st floor, 3rd Cross (East), JCR, Circle, Chitradurga-577 501 for information.