

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

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C. No. TS3/7921/2019 Dated: 23.05.2022.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - diversion of 4.47 ha of forest land in Andiyappanur RF of Tirupathur Forest Division for conversion of existing 11 kv line to 33 kv line for establishment of 33/11 kv new substation in Pungamaduvu village in newly formed Tirupathur District – Stage-I approval accorded by the Government of India – Compliance report furnishing off – Regarding

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) Pudurnadu, Tirupathur, Vellore District - Proposal No. FP/TN/TRANS/30358/2017
2. Part II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Tirupathur Division, Tirupathur
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests C. No. TS3/7921/2019, dated 19.03.2020, 19.11.2020 and 18.02.2021.
4. Government letter No. 7443/FR.10/2020-2, dated 03.08.2020 and 17.12.2020
5. Government of India letter No. 4-TNB063/2020-CHN/479, Dated: 13.05.2021

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With reference to the letters cited, the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval for diversion of 4.47 ha of forest land in Andiyappanur RF of Tirupathur Forest Division for conversion of existing 11 kv line to 33 kv line for establishment of 33/11 kv new substation in Pungamaduvu village in newly formed Tirupathur District in favour of Executive Engineer TANGEDGO, Tirupathur, Tirupathur District is furnished as below.

Further, I wish to state that the user agency has uploaded the compliance report along with the undertakings in the Ministry's web portal.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition/ reply
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of forest land will remain unchanged
2	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the user agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard. The same is uploaded by the user agency in the web portal.
3	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department in identified degraded forest area over an extent of 8.94 ha of degraded forest area in Andiyappanur RF at the cost of user agency	<p>For carrying compensatory afforestation on the identified degraded forest area an amount of Rs. 57,74,029/- has been remitted by the user agency by generating chalan in the PARIVESH web portal. Copy of consolidated remittance challan furnished by the user agency is enclosed.</p> <p>On approval of Forest clearance proposal by the Government of India and approval of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of State CAMPA, compensatory afforestation will be carried out in the identified CA area.</p>
4	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value for the 4.47 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.10.20002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 28.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 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	<p>Net Present Value of the proposed diversion of forest area measuring 4.47 ha calculated as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and an amount of Rs. 35,89,410/- has been deposited by the user agency by generating challan in the Ministry's website on 25.03.2022.</p> <p>Copy of consolidated remittance challan furnished by the user agency is enclosed.</p>

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	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 in this regard	
5	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (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 furnished an undertaking to this effect. The same is uploaded by the user agency in the web portal.
6	No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
7	The State Forest Department shall make plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line at the cost of the user agency	<p>For raising dwarf species under the transmission line, an amount of Rs. 18,91,123/- has been remitted by the user agency based on the cost estimate approved by the circle Conservator of Forests by generating challan in the Ministry's website on 25.03.2022. Copy of consolidated remittance challan furnished by the user agency is enclosed.</p> <p>On approval of Forest clearance proposal by the Government of India and approval of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of State CAMPA, this work will be carried out under the diverted transmission line path.</p>
8	The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

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	the forest land shall not be more than 15 mtrs	
9	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to designated CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	User agency has generated chalan in the Ministry's web portal and payment made towards specific State CAMPA account. A copy of consolidated amount credit remittance chalan is enclosed. Total deposit by the user agency is Rs. 1,12,54,562/- a) NPV – Rs. 35,89,410/- b) CA – Rs. 57,74,029/- c) Dwarf plants – Rs. 18,91,123/- Total - Rs 1,12,54,562/-
10	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
11	Sufficient firewood, preferably alternate fuel shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers 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 furnished an undertaking to this effect.
12	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
13	The user agency and State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F. No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and guidelines of the	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

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	Ministry for the time being in force as applicable to the transmission line projects	
14	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Government of India.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
15	Pollarding/ pruning of trees if any shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the electricity line.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
16	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	Compliance report has been uploaded by the user agency in the web portal.
17	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceeds 4.47 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any other purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
18	The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry for the time being in force as applicable to the project	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
19	Any other conditions that the DDGF (Central) Integrated Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

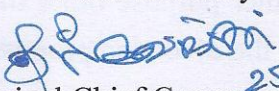
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	and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.	
20	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Rules and guidelines framed under FCA, 1980.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.


Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents and report of District Forest Officer, Tirupathur Division is enclosed herewith.

Since the conditions stipulated in the Government of India letter 4th cited above have been fulfilled by the User Agency, I request that Government of India may be addressed for the issue of Stage - II final approval of Government of India for the diversion of 4.47 ha of forest land in Andiyappanur RF of Tirupathur Forest Division for conversion of existing 11 kv line to 33 kv line for establishment of 33/11 kv new substation in Pungamaduvu village in newly formed Tirupathur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANGEDCO, Tirupathur, Tirupathur District for a period of 30 years

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully


25/05/2022
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)


25/05/2022