RECOMMENDATION

The proposal has been made for diversion of 119.8806 Ha. forest land which is claimed to be required for transmission of 400 KV electricity by clearing and felling trees, fixation of towers and laying of transmission wires in the proposed forest land. This transmission line is required in connection with the Tandwa-Chandwa 400 KV transmission line of M/S NKTL for which the working permission by the state government is already granted and the works is going on. The electric power generated at 03 units, each of 660 MW at North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Stations at Tandwa will thus flow through Tandwa-Chandwa 400 KV transmission line and then Chandwa-Gaya 400 KV transmission line further. The installation of 03 units of power stations at Tandwa has also got permission for diversion of forest land of 97.2477 hectare by GoI and the generation of electricity in 01 unit at NKSTPP is shortly to begin. State of Jharkhand shall also get some share of electricity from the generation of power at NKSTPP and the most shall feed the industrial commercial and domestic need of the country. The country is already facing crisis of power for its industrial growth and other infrastructure works very much required to lift up the level of livelihood of the people of the country. The country is still by large dependent on coal for power generation. The Magadh Coal Pipe Conveyor Corridor Project for supply of coal from Magadh OCP to NKSTPP at Tandwa is also in principally approved and the grant of working permission is in progress. So, this proposal and the project is a link of the series of forest land diversion projects and proposals and hence this diversion cannot be avoided. The project lies in 03 (three) forest divisions of Jharkhand namely Latehar, Chatra South and Chatra North Forest Divisions and thus is an part of integrated project for the diversion of forest land.

In view of the aforesaid facts, the instant proposal is recommended for approval of 119.8806 of diversion of forest land in the larger interest of the country and its people under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

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