Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Forests, Ecology & Environment Department Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K Forest Department, Van Bhavan, Jammu.

No. FST-Prvs/2/2021-02-O/o Forest Deptt

Dated:-04.08.2021

Subject: Diversion of 0.462 Ha forest land for construction of 11 KV line under Rural Electrification works under DDUGJY/PMDP scheme in Udhampur Forest Division.

Reference: Online Proposal No. FP/JK/VELEC/117408/2020

Sir,

Please refer to the case of diversion of 0.462 Ha forest land for construction of 11 KV line under Rural Electrification works under DDUGJY/PMDP scheme in Udhampur Forest Division as per online proposal referred above.

2. I am directed to convey in-principle approval for construction of 11 KV line under Rural Electrification works under DDUGJY/PMDP scheme in Udhampur Forest Division subject to the fulfilment of following terms and conditions:-

Terms and conditions:-

- 1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency (if applicable).
- 3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 0.14 Ha on degraded forest land (Compartment No. 47/P) including 10 years maintenance at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- **4.** The User Agency shall pay NPV/Additional NPV as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India & guidelines of MoEF&CC, if applicable.
- 5. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
- 6. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 7. 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 to the State Forest Department.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.

11. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

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.

13. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project

cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

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.

16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

- 17. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 18. 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. 1142/2017-FC dt. 29/01/2018.
- 19. 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.

20. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).

21. After completion of project, area shall be reclaimed suitably. User agency will seek permission from the concerned Forest Division for carrying out any maintenance.

Yours faithfully

Deputy Secretary to Government, Forests, Ecology & Environment Department

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- 1. Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.
- 2. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF), J&K.

- 4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA) O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, J&K.
- 5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.

6. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary.

7. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, J&K.