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To

The Commissioner Secretary,
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,
UT of Jammu & Kashmir,
Civil Secretariat,
Jammu & Kashmir
(csforestjk@gmail.com)

Sub: **Diversion Of 11.2525 ha forest land for construction of LILO of 220 KV Udhampur- Gladni Transmission Line at Nagrota GSS., District Jammu, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, regarding.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on 17.08 .2022
ii) Nodal Officer J&K letter no. PCCF/FCA/3461/5472-73 dated 15.11.2022
iii) 10th REC meeting of IRO, Jammu, dated 29.11.2022.

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of **11.2525 ha** of Forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration of J&K, **in-principle approval** is hereby being conveyed for the diversion **11.2525 ha** of Forest land in **Jammu Forest Division in favour of Jammu and Kashmir State Power Transmission Company Limited, Jammu for construction of LILO of 220 KV Udhampur- Gladni Transmission Line at Nagrota GSS., District Jammu, UT of Jammu & Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/TRANS/152211/2022)**, subject to the following conditions:

(A). Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the UT Forest Department to Jammu and Kashmir State Power Transmission Company Limited UT of Jammu & Kashmir (User Agency):

- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii. Cost of compensatory afforestation (CA) as per CA scheme may be realized from User Agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.
- iii. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose from the User Agency, as per the orders 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 (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 6th January, 2022 in this regard.
- iv. User agency shall deposit/transfer all the funds (Cost of CA, NPV etc) to CAMPA fund of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change through **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).
- v. User Agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
- vi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

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- vii. Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.
- viii. CEO State CAMPA shall furnish undertaking that the funds under state/UT CAMPA will be released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme.
- ix. The complete compliance shall be uploaded on **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

(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:

- i. Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees and in any case not more than **2212** trees and **1349** u/s poles in Jammu Forest Division will be effected and it involves felling of not more than **395** trees in places, where towers are located. Any felling shall only be done under the strict supervision of State Forest Department after issuance of felling permission from concerned DFO and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- ii. The UT Govt shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation as well as the forest area proposed for diversion in the extant proposal in the E-Green watch portal of the Forest Survey of India.
- iii. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over **22.5** ha of degraded forest land in Drabi village Compartment no. 6/N, Range- Jammu, Jammu Forest Division, District Jammu as per proposed CA scheme, at a cost of **₹ 67.648 lacs** /- (Rupees sixty seven lacs sixty four thousand eight hundred only) provided by the user agency.
- iv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- v. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- vi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- vii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- viii. The maximum width of "Right of Way" for the proposed transmission line will be **35** meters on forest land.
- ix. Clearance shall be allowed in a strip of **3.0 m** wide for installation of tension stringing equipment under each conductor.
- x. The distance between the conductor and the trees should be at least **4.6 m**. The inclination and sag of the conductors shall be taken into consideration. Whenever it is necessary to maintain the drainage of electricity, the work of pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer.
- xi. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at appropriate places in addition to necessary ground clearance to protect wild animals from electrocution.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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 the Right

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- xv.** Sufficient firewood, preferably by 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.
- xvi.** The User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- xvii.** No muck shall be dumped in the forest land in context of the undertaking given by User Agency.
- xviii.** Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per provision under 1.21 of the Handbook of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guideline & Clarification), 2019, MoEF&CC.
- xix.** Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.
- xx.** The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may revoke/suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The State government will ensure compliance of these conditions through Forest Department.

3. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions under para-2, above final approval order shall be given under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **The use of forest land will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.**

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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