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To

The Principal Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: Diversion of 2.0401 ha of forest land in Jagtial Forest Division for construction of 400 KV QMDC Line from STPP Jaipuram in Adilabad District to 400 KVSS, Nirmal, Nirmal District under Nirmal Power Transmission Scheme in Jagtial District in favour of Superintending Engineer, Karimnagar, TSTRANSCO-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.3900/For.I(1)/2018 dated 20.11.2018 and the PCCF, Telangana letter No. 12986/2018/FCA-3/PS dated 25.02.2019 and online proposal No FP/TG/TRANS/34892/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and based on the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.0401 ha of forest land in Jagtial Forest Division for construction of 400 KV QMDC Line from STPP Jaipuram in Adilabad District to 400 KVSS, Nirmal, Nirmal District under Nirmal Power Transmission Scheme in Jagtial District in favour of Superintending Engineer, Karimnagar, TSTRANSCO, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall 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 before the Stage II approval;
3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 4.0802 ha (out of 6.424 ha) of degraded forest land

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identified in Compt No 611/9 of Bandalingapur RF and Beat, Metpally Section & Range, at the cost of the User Agency;

4. Minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted area shall be planted in the degraded forest land identified for CA. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
5. The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA shall not be left unspent;
6. **Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA) over 2.0401 ha of degraded forest area shall be carried out at the cost of the User Agency. PCA scheme including 10 years of maintenance along with map and DGPS co-ordinates of the degraded forest area identified for raising PCA shall be furnished along with compliance report;**
7. **The State Government shall impose penalty as per Clause 3(B)(I)(II)(III)&(IV) of Ministry's guidelines No 11-42/2017-FC dated 29.01.2018 and compliance on the same shall be reported to the Regional Office, Chennai. The State Government shall advise the User Agency not to repeat such activity / carry out any work in violation of FCA, 1980 in future;**
8. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **2.0401ha** from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;
9. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
10. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and any money received in compliance of the conditions stipulated by the Central Government under this project shall compulsorily be deposited in to the **"State Compensatory Afforestation Fund of Telangana" only;**
11. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line as per the scheme proposed by the

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DFO, Jagtial Forest Division, with a financial outlay of Rs. 39.895 lakhs, at the cost of the User Agency;

12. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 46 mtrs;
13. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
15. The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
16. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
17. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the transmission lines;
18. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
19. **No working permit shall be issued by the State Government before submission of RoFR certificate for the 2.0401 ha of forest area. The State Government shall furnish RoFR certificate to this office before issuing of working permission for scrutiny and record purpose;**
20. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees; Felling shall be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary and unavoidable;
21. The State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees wherever feasible, at the cost of the User Agency;

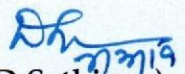
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22. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and 19th September, 2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
23. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **2.0401ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
24. The Progress in Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Jagtial Forest Division shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
25. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
26. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

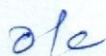
Yours faithfully,


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Conservator of Forests (Central)

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4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
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