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**BY SPEED POST**  
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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Goa,  
Secretariat Annexe, Secretariat,  
Porvorim, Goa -403 521.

Subject: Diversion of 0.8563 ha. of forest land for conversion of existing 11 KV overhead Netravali feeder to 11 KV U/G cabling network emanating from 33/11 KV Vaddem substation in Sanguem in favour of the Executive Engineer, Goa Electricity Department, South Goa -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 6-927-2022-23/2776 dated 22/09/2022 and No. 6-927-2024-25-FD/2610 dated 20/09/2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of **0.8563 ha.** of forest land for conversion of existing 11 KV overhead Netravali feeder to 11 KV U/G cabling network emanating from 33/11 KV Vaddem substation in Sanguem in favour of the Executive Engineer, Goa Electricity Department, South Goa, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022 and as per the provision of Chapter 3 of the consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued vide MoEF&CC order dated 29.12.2023;
3. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
4. The conditions stipulated by State Board for Wildlife in its letter No.CWLW-62/FD/2022-23/5388 dated 21/02/2024 shall strictly be complied with.

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5. Cost of raising 100 plants (including maintenance) shall be realized from the user agency towards Compensatory Afforestation.
6. Location of the area (Map with DGPS coordinates) identified for raising the CA plantation (100 plants ) shall be furnished along with compliance report.
7. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
8. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report including GPS ids.
9. 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.
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
11. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
12. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
14. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8563 ha.
15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
16. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
17. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
18. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
19. 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 Forest and Wildlife.
20. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
21. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for

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a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours sincerely,

  
(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation)/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
4. The Executive Engineer, Goa Electricity Department, Opp Cada Hall, South Goa -403 706.

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