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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
 Environment & Forests Department,
 Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009

Subject: Diversion of 0.9856 ha of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed Waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli Village Soolagiri Taluk of Krishnagiri District for erection of 110 KV transmission line from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronics Company passing through forest area to an extent of 0.9856 ha of Ayaranapalli Village, Soolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District in favour of the Executive Engineer, TLC/Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited, Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District. - Reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.3720988/FR.10/2022-2 dated 25.04.2023 and online application No.FP/TN/TRANS/155570/2022 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 submitted by the State Government and considering the importance of the project, 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 **0.9856 ha** of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed Waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli Village Soolagiri Taluk of Krishnagiri District for erection of 110 KV transmission line from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronics Company passing through forest area to an extent of 0.9856 ha of Ayaranapalli Village, Soolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District in favour of the Executive Engineer, TLC/Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited, Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District, **for a period of 10 years**, subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The 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 from the amount realized from the User Agency;
3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over **2.00 ha** of Degraded forest area in Melumlai RF at the cost of the User Agency;
4. 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 should not be left unspent;
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.9856 ha** from the 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 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;
6. Additional amount of the 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;
7. 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/>) ;
8. The State Forest Department shall execute the work of creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line, at the cost of the User Agency;
9. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 22 mtrs;
10. Height of the transmission line tower may be increased over and above the standard height to avoid casualty of elephants due to electrocution;
11. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
13. The proposed transmission line is crossing over the part of the forest area for which Stage I already been issued under the proposal No FP/TN/ROAD/144777 /2021. Hence, NoC from the primary UA may be submitted;
14. **The State Government proposed Wildlife mitigation plan with financial outlay of Rs.7.65 crores whereas, project cost is 7.38 crores. Moreover, as per the data provided in the wildlife mitigation plan, elephant's deaths happened due to rail and road accidents. In view of the above and as this office in its Stage I approval order issued for the proposal No FP/TN/ROAD/144777/2021 wherein it has already been requested to prepare mitigation plan and compliance report is still awaited for the above said proposal. Further, it is opined that, as the proposed mitigation plan is for laying elephant proof fencing for 10 km of the RF area, putting financial burden on one User Agency and over and above the project cost is not appropriate. Hence, the wildlife mitigation plan may be reviewed again and the total financial out lay of the wildlife mitigation plan may be suitably apportioned among other User Agencies i.e. instant UA, Shoolagiri BDO under FP/TN/ROAD/144777/2021, railways and the NH road passing through RF area and implement the proposed mitigation measures timely.**
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. 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;
18. No tree felling shall be carried out within the forest area diverted;
19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.9856 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
20. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and

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Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;

21. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated 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;
22. **The working permission shall be given only after complying all the conditions laid down, as required, as per existing rules.**
23. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;
24. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

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,

**Sd/-
(K.Karthikeyan)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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