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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 4.47 ha of forest land in Andiyappanur RF of Tirupathur Forest Division in newly formed Tirupathur District for conversion of existing 11 KV line to 33 KV line for establishment of 33/11 KV new substation in Pungampattu Nadu Village in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANGEDCO-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No 7443/FR.10/2020-3 dated 17.12.2020 and online application No. FP/TN/TRANS/30358/2017, seeking prior approval of the Government of India 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, I am directed to convey the in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval of the Government of India under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.47 ha of forest land in Andiyappanur RF of Tirupathur Forest Division in newly formed Tirupathur District for conversion of existing 11 KV line to 33 KV line for establishment of 33/11 KV new substation in Pungampattu Nadu Village in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANGEDCO for a period of 30 years, 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;
3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department in identified degraded forest area over an extent of **8.94 ha of degraded forest area in Andiyappanur RF**, at the cost of the User Agency;

4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the **4.47 ha** forest area to be diverted under this proposal 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 letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard;
5. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
6. **No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area;**
7. The State Forest Department shall make plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line at the cost of the User Agency;
8. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 15 mtrs;
9. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA account only through the portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>)
10. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
11. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
13. 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 provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;

15. Pollarding / pruning of trees, if any, shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the electricity line;
16. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
17. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.47 ha** 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;
18. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation , Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
19. Any other condition that the DDGF (Central), 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;
20. 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 and guidelines framed under FCA,1980.

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 may be revoked as per the rules.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

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