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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated:10-10-2025

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)

Department of Environment, Forest and Wildlife
Government of Haryana
Haryana.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 0.5458 ha (0.5322 ha. in Hisar Division and 0.0135 ha. in Bhiwani Division) of Protected Forest in favour of Executive Engineer, Transmission System Division, HVPNL Hisar for creation of 132 KV S/C Line with 0.4 Sq Zebra conductor from 132 KV S/Stn. Bhojraj to 132 KV/Stn. Arya Nagar & Lilo of one Line Circuit of 132 KV D/C Sangwan to Khanak Line at 132KV S/Stn., Bhojraj Line on 132 KV D/C KKR Design Towers, under Forest Division and District Hisar & Bhiwani in the State of Haryana (Online Proposal No. Online Proposal No. FP/HR/Trans/50181/2020)-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Haryana letter dated 13.05.2022 and letter dated 22.08.2025 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee (AC) constituted by the Central Government under Section- 3 of the aforesaid Adhiniyam.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the Government of Haryana and on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (AC), the Central Government hereby agrees to accord **Stage-I / In-principle** approval under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Transmission System Division, HVPNL Hisar for non-forestry use of 0.5458 ha (0.5322 ha. in Hisar Division and 0.0135 ha. in Bhiwani Division) of Protected Forest for creation of 132 KV S/C Line with 0.4 Sq Zebra conductor from 132 KV S/Stn. Bhojraj to 132 KV/Stn. Arya Nagar & Lilo of one Line Circuit of 132 KV D/C Sangwan to Khanak Line at 132KV S/Stn., Bhojraj Line on 132 KV D/C KKR Design Towers, under Forest Division and District Hisar & Bhiwani in the State of Haryana subject to the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

- ii. The Compensatory Afforestation over 2.08 ha. degraded forest land in Siwani Feeder Road 184-211 L/Side shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the cost of the project within two years from the date of grant of Stage II approval;
- iii. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required, on the CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years, into the account of National Authority, CAMPA managed by the State Govt.;
- iv. The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale.
- v. The KML files of proposed area for diversion and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details;
- vi. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC (pt.) dated 29.12.2023 in this regard;
- vii. 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;
- viii. The Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of National, CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- ix. The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted as per the sub-rule (7) of Rule 11 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023;
- x. The complete compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

- xi. Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 27 m;
- xii. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
- xiii. No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path;
- xiv. To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the following guidelines:
 - a. Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 mts. would be permitted for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
 - b. One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line;
 - c. In the remaining width the right of way felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance, trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 4.0 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above;
 - d. User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department; and
 - e. In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
- xv. ***The User Agency shall pay the five (5) times penal NPV for the extent of violation done plus 12 percent simple interest from the date of raising of such demand till the deposit is made by the User Agency;***
- xvi. ***State Government will initiate disciplinary action against the official concerned for not being able to prevent use of forest land for non-***

forestry purpose without prior approval of Government of India;

- xvii. ***Action under section 3A/3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 be initiated by Regional Office, Chandigarh, as applicable***
- xviii. ***The matter regarding imposition of penal CA is under consideration for the formulation of a uniform policy guideline in the matter. Keeping this in view, the imposition of penal CA (if any) shall be as per the said guideline, if issued;***
- xix. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department, if required.
- xx. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- xxi. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- xxii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xxiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xxiv. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;
- xxv. 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;
- xxvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxvii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xxviii. 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;

- xxix. No damage to the flora, fauna or the environment of the adjoining area shall be caused; Adequate measures to ensure no damage to the adjoining areas should be taken by the User Agency at the project cost;
- xxx. 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;
- xxxi. The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xxxii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency;
- xxxiii. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of 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; and
- xxxiv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

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

Yours
faithfully,

Sd/-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Haryana, Haryana.

2. The DDGF (Central) Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEF&CC for necessary action.
3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Haryana, Haryana.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.