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Dated the 17th February, 2017

To,

The Principle Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi

Subject: Diversion of 24.204 ha of FL in Kadapa (18.377ha) & Anantapur (5.827 ha) divisions for construction of 400 KV Double Circuit Kadapa-Hindupur Power Transmission line in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter 5617/Section-II/2016 dated 15.12.2016 and online proposal No. FP/AP/TRANS/14620/2015 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.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am hereby directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 24.204 ha of FL in Kadapa (18.377ha) & Anantapur (5.827 ha) divisions for construction of 400 KV Double Circuit Kadapa-Hindupur Power Transmission line in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, subject to the following conditions:-

- i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) 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 at the cost of User Agency before stage II approval.
- iii) The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 51.81 ha of degraded forest in Compt No. 693 of Palakonda and Vongimalla RF in Rayachoty Range of Kadapa Division, shall be realized from the User Agency.
- iv) Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

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- v) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 24.204 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.
- vi) 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. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- viii) Minimal disturbance should be ensured 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.
- ix) Trees standing in the diverted area shall be felled strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officers concerned.
- x) Removal of red sanders trees from the forest area proposed for diversion shall be done as per the rules, guidelines and procedure in vogue.
- xi) State Forest Department shall raise and maintain sufficient numbers of red sanders saplings in the proposed CA land as proposed by the DFO, Kadapa Division.
- xii) Felling and collection cost of red sander trees to be removed shall be collected from the user agency.
- xiii) The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of user agency.
- xiv) Cost of raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line shall be realized from the User Agency.
- xv) The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in

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the respective bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the NPV and other levies, only by generating challan through the Ministry's website.

- xvi) User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFOs, Kadapa and Ananthapur Divisions. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- xvii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or subleased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- xviii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 24.204 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- xix) 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.
- xx) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Additional.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.
- xxi) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFOs part II of the proposals shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.
- xxii) 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. Transfer of forest land to User Agency

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shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, , Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Construction area office, 400 kv Substation, Chinnakampalli post, CK Dinne Mandal, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh 516003
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