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झारखण्ड सरकार,

नेपाल हाउस, राँची - 834002.

विषय:-In-principle (Stage-I) approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for diversion of 54.407 ha forest land in favour of Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited for construction of 132 KV D/C Jamua-Gawan Transmission Line under Giridih East & West Forest Division in Giridih districts of Jharkhand – reg.

महाशय,

I am directed to refer to you the Jharkhand Govt. letter No.Van Bhumi-27/2024-3340/Va.Pa. dated 22.08.2024 and letter No.Van Bhumi-27/2024-4881/Va.Pa. dated 23.12.2024 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of decision of Regional Empowered Committee in its 75th meeting, the “**in-principle**” approval of Central Government, is hereby conveyed for diversion of 54.407 ha forest land in favour of Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited for construction of 132 KV D/C Jamua-Gawan Transmission Line under Giridih East & West Forest Division in Giridih districts of Jharkhand, subject to the following conditions and stipulations.

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

- (1) The cost of compensatory afforestation (CA) to the extent of twice the diversion area on the Degraded Forest Land (Area – 112.882 ha) at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme (including the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars etc. as required for securing the land against encroachment) shall be deposited in advance with the State Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- (2) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 54.407 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User

Agency as per the order 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, 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and **letter No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 6/1/2022** in this regard.

- (3) The User Agency should prepare and implement Site-specific Wildlife Management Plan at their Project Cost in consultation and under the guidance of local forest official and implement it in a time bound manner through SFD.
- (4) The user agency will be required to prepare and execute the soil and moisture conservation plan at the project cost in consultation and guidance of the concerned Forest Divisional Officer.
- (5) 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/>).
- (6) The FRA certificate as per Ministry's guidelines shall be submitted before the issuance of final approval. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (7) **The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details and submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval.**
- (8) 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 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
- (9) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

- (1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 113.976 ha. degraded forest land (Site-1 – Mauza - Daldalia, Thana/Thana No – Gawan/71, Plot No. 1 (Area: 29.687 ha.), Site-2 – Mauza - Bhandratand, Thana/Thana No – Dewari/40, Plot No. 2, 3, 4 (Area: 55.179 ha.) and Site-3 - Mauza - Jagai, Thana/Thana No. - Dewari/147, Plot No. 70 (Area: 11.776 ha.), under Giridih East FD and Site-4, Mauza – Chinmanoaleas Tintara, Thana/Thana No. - Kharagdiha/487, Plot No. 1, 15, 11 (Area: 16.24 ha.), under Giridih West FD) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and

monoculture of any species, especially non-native species should be avoided.

- (3) 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 also be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (4) User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- (5) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (6) The User Agency should fence the base of the tower by Chain Link Fencing to prevent the electrocution of Elephant/ Wild Animals in forest area at their own cost. The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be fenced.
- (7) Width of Right of Way for the Transmission Line shall be limited to 27 m.
- (8) To minimize the felling of trees for construction of Transmission Line, User Agency shall comply with the following guidelines:
 - (a) The normal width clearance below each conductor or conductor bundle in case of 132 KV D/C line will be 3 m only. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
 - (b) Outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the Transmission Line.
 - (c) In the remaining width of 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 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The maximum sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above.
 - (d) The Scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species in Right of Way under the Transmission Line, as prepared by the State Forest Department shall be implemented from the funds provided by the User Agency and a scheme for this shall be submitted.
- (9) The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.

- (10) The user agency in consultation with the concerned DFO shall create and maintain alternate habitat/ home for the avifauna, who's nesting trees are to be cleared in the project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project. A regular annual monitoring report regarding this shall be placed to IRO Ranchi by the concerned DFO.
- (11) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- (12) (a) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
(b) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
(c) Earth or any other material shall not be brought from and debris resulting during construction shall not be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.
- (13) (a) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.
(b) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
(c) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- (14) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.

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

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प्रतिलिपि:-

1. आई०जी०एफ०, आर०ओ०एच०क्यू०/ सी०ई०ओ० (कैम्पा), पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, इन्दिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली-110003.

2. प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (HoFF)/ प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक- सह - नोडल पदाधिकारी (एफ. सी.), वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार, वन भवन, डोरंडा, राँची ।
3. वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह पूर्वी एवं पश्चिमी वन प्रमण्डल, झारखण्ड ।
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