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GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT
Forests & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1015/3-01/15/S.F-43-F,

Dated:-

13 JUL 2015

To,
The Nodal officer (FCA)
Gujarat State,
Gandhinagar.

Subject:- Diversion of 0.0227 ha. of Reserve Forest land for laying of 66 KV S/C underground cable (3+1) line with 300sqmm XLPE from 66 KV Morai to 66 KV Ruby Macons limited at village Morai (S.No.56/1) in favour of Executive Engineer (Construction), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Ltd., Valsad District of Gujarat.

Ref:- (1) GOI, MOEF's Letter No. 11/9/98-FC dated 16/10/2000
(2) GOI, MOEF's Letter No. 11/9/98-FC dated 03/01/2005
(3) GOI, MOEF's Letter No. 11/9/98-FC dated 8/4/2009

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your single file No. **FCA-1015/3-01/15/S.F-43-F**, dated 03/06/2015 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests has given its general approval to the State Governments under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for underground laying of optical fiber cables, underground laying of telephone lines, electric lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines on certain conditions vide their letter referred Sr. No.(1) above. The GOI, MOEF has extended the time limit of the said general approval up to further orders vide their letter No. F-11/9-98/FC dated 3/1/2005, referred Sr. No.(2) above.

In the above mentioned file it has been submitted that the proposal satisfies all the aspects of Ministry of Environment and Forests' General approval to the State Governments under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

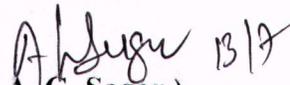
In view of the above, the undersigned is pleased to convey the State Government's "**in-principle**" approval for Diversion of 0.0227 ha. of Reserve Forest land for laying of 66 KV S/C underground cable (3+1) line with 300sqmm XLPE from 66 KV Morai to 66 KV Ruby Macons limited at village Morai (S.No.56/1) in Executive Engineer (Construction), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Ltd., Valsad in district of Gujarat subject to the following conditions:-

1. This permission is granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

2. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by Forest Department over 1.00 ha. forest land on Village Kunda Coupe No: 16, Ta.Kaprada, Dist. Valsad at the cost of project authority, within two years from the date of issue of this order.
4. The Net Present Value (NPV) for the area to be diverted under the proposal shall be deposited by 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 and 09.05.2008 in IA-566 in W.P.(Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the MoEFCC 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 regards..
5. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account under CA- 1583 of Corporation Bank, Block No-11,CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003
6. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
7. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the Nodal Officer (FCA), for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
8. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use/maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.
9. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests/Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
10. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department/Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, if required so.
11. The cable line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 1.65 meters and width of 45 cms, in between rows of road side plantation.
12. The User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. Prescribed format for information sought is enclosed.
13. The Additional Conditions as per the Government of Gujarat's Resolution no. FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, dt12.06.2015. shall be complied with.
14. Any other condition, which the Nodal officer (FCA)/the State Government may stipulate from time to time.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of condition No. (2), (4), (5), (12) & (13) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours faithfully,


(A.G. Sagar)

Under Secretary to the Government,
Forest & Environment Department.

Copy to:-

1. The Director(FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
2. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Western region, BHOPAL-462016(M.P.)
3. Executive Engineer(Const.), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited, Construction Division Office, Navsari, Kabilpore-396424 (Gujarat).
4. Select File.


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