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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore - 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 1.33 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No. 54A, Kansur village (near Adkoli Cross), Umbalamane Hobli, Siddapur Taluk, Uttara Kannada District for establishing 1x10 MVA, 110/1 KV Substation along with construction of 110 KV LILO line from Jog-Sirsi DC line using Lynx Conductor for a distance of 0.3 km in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Uttara Kannada functioning at Vidyut Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 09 FLL 2019 (e) dated 20/11/2020 and 04/09/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted for 1.33 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No. 54A, Kansur village (near Adkoli Cross), Umbalamane Hobli, Siddapur Taluk, Uttara Kannada District for establishing 1x10 MVA, 110/1 KV Substation along with construction of 110 KV LILO line from Jog-Sirsi DC line using Lynx Conductor for a distance of 0.3 km in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Uttara Kannada functioning at Vidyut Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi, subject to the following conditions:-

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

1. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, 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 dated 05.02. 2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.
2. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation over double the extent of degraded forest land (2.66 ha) in Sy.No. 437,

Sadashivalli village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District at the current wage rate, in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme shall include demarcation of CA area using appropriate fencing, provision for tall plants for better survival, provision for watering and SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost escalation for the works scheduled for subsequent years.

3. The 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.
 4. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
 5. The KML file of the area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report.
 6. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 7. 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 co-ordinates.
 8. The User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line. Cost of raising plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) shall be realized from the User Agency and transferred /deposited to the CAMPA fund through Parivesh portal and the plantation shall be raised by the State Forest Department.
 9. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
- 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 diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
 2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over double the extent of degraded forest land within three years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified degraded forest land within three years of grant of final approval. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per

prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance.

3. 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.
4. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
5. 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.
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
7. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
8. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
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 shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
11. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
12. 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.
13. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
14. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
17. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the 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.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that 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 shall be revoked after 5 years.

Yours sincerely,

Padma
22/9/2021
(R.Padmawathe)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Uttara Kannada, Vidyut Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi -580 024.
4. Guard file.

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