

Government of West Bengal
Department of Forests
For Branch
Aranya Bhavan (1st Floor), Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City
Kolkata-700 106

No121/FR/O/L/10T-8/2018

Kolkata, the 18th January, 2019

MEMORANDUM

Sub: Proposed diversion of 17.876 ha. of Forest land in favour of POWERGRID Medinipur Jeerat Transmission Ltd. (Central PSU) for construction of 765 KV D/C (Hexa) Ranchi - Medinipur transmission line(West Bengal portion) under Purulia (1.862 ha.), Kangsabati South (1.827 ha.) and Bankura South (14.187 ha.) Forest Divisions.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the proposal noted above received from the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.

After careful consideration of the said proposal, recommended and forwarded by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMP) & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor is pleased to accord in principal approval as per provision laid down in F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt. 13.05.2011, F. No. 11-9/98-FC, dt. 25.02.2016 and F.No.11-09/1998 (LWE) dt.15.02.2018 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), Government of India & in pursuance of Sec 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 17.876 ha of forest land in favour of POWERGRID Medinipur Jeerat Transmission Ltd. (Central PSU) for construction of 765 KV D/C (Hexa) Ranchi - Medinipur transmission line(West Bengal portion) under Purulia (1.862 ha.), Kangsabati South (1.827 ha.) and Bankura South (14.187 ha.) Forest Divisions subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall submit monthly report to the Eastern Regional Office by 5th of every month regularly, failing which, the grant of such permission may be suspended by the Central Government for a specified period or till the information is submitted.
3. The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/fauna in the surroundings, and, therefore, shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
4. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over total 36.26 ha of degraded forest land identified by the respective Forest Divisions as follows:
 - (i) For Purulia Forest Division 3.90 ha of degraded forest land identified at Beat- Ayodhya, Mouza- Ayodhya, J.L.No.-108 R.S. Plot No.1601 under Range-Ayodhya, Dist-Purulia.
 - (ii) For Kangsabati South Forest Division 3.86 ha of degraded forest land identified at Beat- Sindurpur, Mouza- Janara, J.L.No.-24 R.S. Plot No.331, 267 & 647 under Range-Manbazar- I, Dist- Purulia.
 - (iii) For Bankura South Forest Division 28.50 ha of degraded forest land identified at Beat- Baricha, Mouza - Benocha, J.L.No.-202 R.S. Plot No.164 & 165 under Range-Simlapal, Dist- Bankura.
5. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted Forest land and cost of raising CA as established by law.

6. The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall pay the additional cost for implementation of the scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of shrub species {preferably Zizyphus (Ber) & Annona (Sita phal) species} in right of way under the transmission line.
7. The cost of shrub species to be planted under the transmission line should be paid from the user agency as an additional CA cost.
8. 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 and 19.11.2014.
9. Permission granted by this department shall be subject to the monitoring by the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India.
10. Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. Any change in the land use without prior permission of the Central/State Govt. shall amount to the violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
11. State Forest Department or the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India may impose, from time to time, any other condition in the interest of conservation, protection and/or development of Forest.
12. No construction work should be initiated before compliance of the conditions laid down hereinabove.

After receipt of compliance of fulfilment of the above conditions, formal approval will be issued in this regard under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

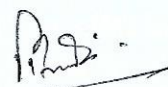

Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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Kolkata, the 18th January, 2019

Copy forwarded for information, and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), West Bengal.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (CAMPA), & Nodal Officer, 1980.
3. The Conservator of Forests, Land Affairs.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Purulia Forest Division.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Kangsabati(S) Forest Division
- ✓ 6. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura(S) Forest Division
7. The Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, Eastern Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar- 751023, Orissa.
6. The Bhabataran Ghosh, CEO, Powergrid Medinipur Jeerat Transmission Limited, CF-17, Action Area 1C, Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata – 700156.


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