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No. 6-881-2017-18/FD/ 082

Dated: 23/04/2018

To.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Dayanand Smruti Building, PANAJI, GOA.

Sub:- Proposal for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0147 ha. of forest land for the work of 33 KV XLPE underground cable double circuit from Ponda substation to Opa water supply plant passing through forest land at Gawaliwada Khandepar under Sy. no. 114/1.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act & Dy. Conservator of Forest, Monitoring & Evaluation, Government of Goa's Note bearing no. 6-881-2017-18-FD/ 6655 dated 23/03/2018 seeking prior approval of the State Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as delegated vide letter no. 11-9/98-FC dated 13/02/14 of the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, New Delhi, for the above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the Nodal Officer, FCA, I am directed to convey the State Government's in principle approval (Stage-I) for the diversion of 0.0147 ha. of forest area for the work of laying of 33 KV XLPE underground cable double circuit from Ponda to Opa water supply plant passing through forest land at Gawaliwada Khandepar under Sy. no. 114/1 in favour of Executive Engineer, Phase Division III, Electricity Department, Curti Ponda, Goa subject to the following conditions,

- 1. The legal status of the forest shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The demarcation of the forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly number at interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
- 3. The User Agency shall abide all the conditions as per the guideline no. 6-175/2017 WL dated 19/02/2018 of MoEF&CC.

- 4. The User Agency shall deposit the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land admeasuring 0.0147 ha. as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in I. A. No. 566 with related I. A. s. in Write Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, Govt. of India vide letter no. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The funds from the User Agency towards Net Present Value and Compensatory Afforestation under this project shall be deposited to Ad-hoc CAMPA through epayment module of forest clearance portal- www.forestclearance.nic.in
- Necessary certificate / documents under the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 as per the guideline issued by Ministry of Environment & Forest shall be furnished.
- 8. The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0147 ha.
- 9. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the State Government
- 10. Any other condition that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forest.

23/11/8.

Yours faithfully,

(Shaila G. Bhosle)
Under Secretary (Forests)

Copy to:

- The Assistant Inspector General of Forest (Forest Conservation) Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj Jorbagh Road, New Delhi, 110003.
- The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), MoEFCC, Southern Zone, Regional office, Bangalore, 560034.
- 3. The Nodal officer (FCA), O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Gomantak Maratha Samaj, Panaji, Goa.
- 4. The Execurive Engineer, Phase Division III, Electricity Department Colony, Curti Ponda Goa.

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