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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 1.121 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 36 & 37, Arkavathi Minor Forest, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and Forest Division for laying of 66 KV SC line on DC towers for a distance of 7.297Kms from existing 66/11 KV Harobele Substation to proposed 66/11kV Kunur substation in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Major Works Division, Ramanagara –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 39 FLL 2020 (e) dated 20/05/2020 and 15/7/2020 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, the Central Government hereby conveys the in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) for diversion of 1.121 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 36 & 37, Arkavathi Minor Forest, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and Forest Division for laying of 66 KV SC line on DC towers for a distance of 7.297Kms from existing 66/11 KV Harobele Substation to proposed 66/11kV Kunur substation in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Major Works Division, Ramanagara, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation in degraded forest land over an extent of 2.242 ha. of degraded forest land in Sy.No. 1, Tenginakallu State Forest (village), Kylancho Hobli in Ramanagara Taluk and District shall be realized from the User Agency.
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 1.121 ha. from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

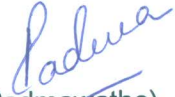
5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred /deposited to CAMPA fund only through (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
7. 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.
8. The User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
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. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
12. 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.
13. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
15. State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in it's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC dated 3rd August 2009 read with 05.07.2003, in support thereof.
16. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.121 ha.
17. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.

18. 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.
19. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
20. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and the forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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3. The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd (KPTCL), Old B.M. Road, Ramanagara -562 159.
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