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Date: 10th January, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment, Climate Change & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 4.27 ha of forest land in Social Forestry plantation area in Othivakkam for erection of 230 KV DC line on MC tower by making LILO of existing Ottiyambakkam to Omega Feeder 2 at the proposed Mambakkam 230/110 KV substation in Chengalpattu Division in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANTRANSO, General Construction Circle II, 230 KV GIS SS TNEB, Alandur, Chennai- Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No. 19498/FR.10/2022-1 dated 23.03.2023 & 19498/FR.10/2022-3 dated 02.09.2023 and online application No. FP/TN/TRANS/150320/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. This project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter No. 4-TNB100/2023-CHN/1214 dated 06.11.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 19498/FR.10/2023-5 dated 21.10.2024 has reported compliance of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's Final Approval (*Stage-II*) under Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, for diversion of 4.27 ha of forest land in Social Forestry plantation area in Othivakkam for erection of 230 KV DC line on MC tower by making LILO of existing Ottiyambakkam to

Omega Feeder 2 at the proposed Mambakkam 230/110 KV substation in Chengalpattu Division in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANTRANSO, General Construction Circle II, 230 KV GIS SS TNEB, Alandur, Chennai, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered, at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost;
3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department in identified **Degraded Forest Area** over an extent of **8.52 ha in Kolathur RF**, from the amount, which was already realized from the User Agency as per the approved compensatory afforestation scheme within a period of two years from the issue of this order of final diversion;
4. The identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
5. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
6. **Tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area under the strict supervision of DFO concerned and 'NO' trees of spontaneous origin shall be felled;**
7. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) as per the proposed scheme under the transmission line from the amount, which was already realized from the User Agency;
8. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
9. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;

10. Sufficient firewood, preferably alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
11. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for the execution of the project work;
12. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
13. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
14. Pollarding / pruning of trees, if any, shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the electricity line;
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.27 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
16. Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDGF (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
17. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Yours faithfully

Signed by Karthikeyan

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Sd/-

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