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To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
 Government of Goa,  
 Secretariat Annexe, Secretariat,  
 Porvorim, Goa -403 521.

**Subject: Diversion of 0.8563 ha. of forest land for conversion of existing 11 KV overhead Netravali feeder to 11 KV U/G cabling network emanating from 33/11 KV Vaddem substation in Sanguem in favour of the Executive Engineer, Goa Electricity Department, South Goa. (Online Proposal No. FP/GA/TRANS/146162/2021) -reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 6-927-2022-23/2776 dated 22/09/2022 and No. 6-927-2024-25-FD/2610 dated 20/09/2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. The State Government vide letter No. 6-927-2026-27-FD/448 dated 04/05/2026 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.8563 ha.** of forest land for conversion of existing 11 KV overhead Netravali feeder to 11 KV U/G cabling network emanating from 33/11 KV Vaddem substation in Sanguem in favour of the Executive Engineer, Goa Electricity Department, South Goa, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Government shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The conditions stipulated by State Board for Wildlife in its letter No.CWLW-62/FD/2022-23/5388 dated 21/02/2024 shall strictly be complied with.
4. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.

5. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried out on land identified (i.e. 0.1 ha in Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary) by the State Forest Department within 2 years from grant of final approval at the cost of user agency. Planting will be carried out in one block for easy maintenance and monitoring.
6. The State Government shall ensure that the KML file of the area diverted and CA plantation (ten times the no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
7. 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.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. 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.
10. 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
11. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
13. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8563 ha.
14. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
16. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
17. 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, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
18. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all 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.
19. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
20. Any other condition that the Central Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
21. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

**(Yasodha K)**

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund

Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.

2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) & Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Goa, Forest Department, Panaji (Goa), PIN- 403 001.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403 001.
6. The Executive Engineer, Goa Electricity Department, Opp Cada Hall, South Goa - 403 706.
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