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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 4.47 ha of forest land in Andiyappanur RF of Tirupathur Forest Division in newly formed Tirupathur District for conversion of existing 11 KV line to 33 KV line for establishment of 33/11 KV new substation in Pungampattu Nadu Village in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANGEDCO- Reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 7443/FR.10/2020-3 dated 17.12.2020 and online application No. FP/TN/TRANS/30358/2017 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 27.12.2021. The State Government vide letter No.7443/FR.10/2020-6 dated 13.06.2022 have reported compliance to 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 approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **4.47 ha** of forest land in Andiyappanur RF of Tirupathur Forest Division in newly formed Tirupathur District for conversion of existing 11 KV line to 33 KV line for establishment of 33/11 KV new substation in Pungampattu Nadu Village in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANGEDCO **for a period of 30 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 **8.94 ha of degraded forest area in Andiyapanur RF**, from the amount, which was already realized from the User Agency;

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4. 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;
5. **No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area;**
6. The State Forest Department shall make plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line from the amount, which was already realized from the User Agency;
7. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 15 mtrs;
8. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
9. Sufficient firewood, preferably the 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;
10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
11. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
12. 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;
13. 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;
14. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.47 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
15. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation , Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;

16. Any other condition that the DDGF (Central), Integrated 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 and guidelines framed under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(K.Karthikeyan)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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