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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 Harobe 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,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 39 FLL 2020 (e) dated 20/05/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 30th July, 2020. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 39 FLL 2020 (e) dated 01/10/2022 and 04/07/2024 have 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) Adhiniyam, 1980 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 Harobe 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 the following conditions:

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 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. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an extent of 2.242 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Sy.No. 1, Tenginakallu State Forest (village),

Kylancha Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District, within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified degraded forest land within two years of grant of final approval.

4. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
5. The 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 User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA Account.
6. 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. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
7. 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.
8. Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line shall be taken up at the cost of the User Agency.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
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 forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than i.e. specified in the project proposal.
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.121 ha.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
19. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
20. 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.
21. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Bengaluru may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
22. 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.
23. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the

guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.

24. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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