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**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)  
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,  
Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore – 560 001

**Subject: Diversion of 0.98 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 79/P1 of Sonnenahalli village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North (Additional) Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District for construction of 400 KV D/C Quad Tumkur (Vasantanarasapur) to Yelahanka Transmission Line in Bengaluru Urban District and Forest Division in favor of the Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Southern Region Transmission System (SRTS)-II, Regional Headquarters, Singanayakanahalli Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru –reg.**

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to the State Government's Proposal No. No.FEE 22 FLL 2021 (e) dated 01.06.2021 seeking *ex-post facto* approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter dated 16.07.2021. The State Government has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval and requested for grant of final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FEE 22 FLL 2021 (e) dated 17.03.2025, 'final' approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 is hereby granted for construction of 400 KV D/C Quad Tumkur (Vasantanarasapur) to Yelahanka Transmission Line in Bengaluru Urban District and Forest Division in favor of the Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Southern Region Transmission System (SRTS)-II, Regional Headquarters, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. ***The State Govt. shall ensure that disciplinary action will be initiated against the officials concerned for not being able to prevent use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Government of India. The disciplinary action shall be initiated before handing over the forest land to the User Agency;***
3. The State Govt. shall ensure that the 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.

4. The State Govt. shall ensure that 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.
5. The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
6. The State Govt. shall ensure that 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.
7. The State Govt. shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
8. The State Govt. shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
9. The State Govt. shall ensure that the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigated measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
10. The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar with GPS co-ordinates;
11. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023;
12. 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, Bangalore by the end of March every year; and
13. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
14. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval letter dated 16.07.2021 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency, including compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006, before handing over the forest land to the user agency.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-  
(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. DDGF (C) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru-
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (VSESA), 1980, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.