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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 1.33 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No. 54A, Kansur village (near Adkoli Cross), Umbalamane Hobli, Siddapur Taluk, Uttara Kannada District for establishing 1x10 MVA, 110/1 KV Substation along with construction of 110 KV LILO line from Jog-Sirsi DC line using Lynx Conductor for a distance of 0.3 km in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Uttara Kannada functioning at Vidyut Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 09 FLL 2019 (e) dated 20/11/2020 and 04/09/202 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 22nd September, 2021. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 09 FLL 2019 (e) dated 31/08/2023 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' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **1.33 ha.** of forest land in F.Sy.No. 54A, Kansur village (near Adkoli Cross), Umbalamane Hobli, Siddapur Taluk, Uttara Kannada District for establishing 1x10 MVA, 110/1 KV Substation along with construction of 110 KV LILO line from Jog-Sirsi DC line using Lynx Conductor for a distance of 0.3 km in favour of the Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Uttara Kannada functioning at Vidyut Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi, subject to the following conditions:-

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to issue of final approval by State Government and handing over of forest land to User Agency:

1. 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.

B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government:

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1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 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 and GPS co-ordinates.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over double the degraded forest land identified in Sy.No. 437, Sadashivalli village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, within three 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 three years of grant of final approval. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years maintenance.
4. 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.
5. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
11. 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.
12. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
13. No additional or new permanent paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
14. 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.
14. 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.
15. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.33 ha.
16. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
17. 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.
18. 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
19. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.

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20. 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.
21. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.2.1 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. 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.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Executive Engineer, Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Uttara Kannada, Vidyut Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi -580 024.
5. Guard file.

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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