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**BY SPEED POST**

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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 31.079 ha. (revised from 22.585 ha) of forest land in Badagamijaru, Tenka Edapadhavu, Tenka Mijaru, Vitlamudnuru, Vitla, Veerakhamba and Ananthady villages in Dakshina Kannada District (Mangaluru and Kundapura Forest Divisions) for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favour of M/s. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Ltd, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi. **(Online Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/115396/2020)**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 89 FLL 2022 (e) dated 28/09/2022 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 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. The State Government vide letter No. FEE 89 FLL 2022 (e) dated 03.11.2025 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 **31.079 ha.** (revised from 22.585 ha) of forest land in Badagamijaru, Tenka Edapadhavu, Tenka Mijaru, Vitlamudnuru, Vitla, Veerakhamba and Ananthady villages in Dakshina Kannada District (Mangaluru and Kundapura Forest Divisions) for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favour of M/s. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Ltd, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi, 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 62.2 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Chikkaballapura Forest Division i.e. 12.2 ha. in Udugirinallapanahalli village, Sy.No.37, Narasimhadevarabetta V Block, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Mandikal Hobli, Gudibande Range and 50 ha. in Chinchinahalli village, Sy.No.17, Narasimhadevarabetta V Block, Gauribidanur taluk, D Palya Hobli, Gudibande range, Chikkaballapura 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 ensure that the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded 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. Tree felling may be limited to 40% or less number of the trees than what has been enumerated for the entire project in the forest area.
7. 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.
8. Breaking of land and tree felling in the Right of Way for the transmission line area may be restricted to minimum as per technical requirement.
9. The User Agency shall ensure that the proposed alignment of Udupi-Kasargode Transmission Line is final and in any case it shall not be changed, to the State Forest Department before felling of trees and breaking up of land in the forest area as per the undertaking furnished.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
15. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
16. No additional forest area shall be used for access and other ancillary activities

and all such activities be restricted to the diverted area.

17. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
18. 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 31.079 ha.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, 4th Floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003.
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), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), O/o PCCF (CAMPA), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup>

Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.

5. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
6. M/s. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Ltd, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi -110 065.
7. Guard file.