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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 0.8955 ha. of forest land in Ankasandra State Forest (Sy.No. 16 & 17 of Kurubarahalli village and Sy.No. 19 of Thalekoppa village) in Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District for laying of 66 KV underground cable (transmission line) for 20 MW Solar plant at Talekoppa village, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District in favour of M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd., Bengaluru -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 01 FLL 2018 dated 29/01/2018 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 1st February, 2018. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 01 FLL 2018 dated 07/11/2022 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 **0.8955 ha.** of forest land in Ankasandra State Forest (Sy.No. 16 & 17 of Kurubarahalli village and Sy.No. 19 of Thalekoppa village) in Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District for laying of 66 KV underground cable (transmission line) for 20 MW Solar plant at Talekoppa village, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District in favour of M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd., Bengaluru, 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 conditions required to be adhered under Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
2. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area (plantation of ten times no. of trees to be felled) on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

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

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the common boundary of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
3. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
4. Planting of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be carried out at the cost of User Agency.
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 Adhoc CAMPA Account.
6. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
7. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
9. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
10. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted.
11. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8955 ha.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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

16. 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.
17. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 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.
18. 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.

Yours faithfully,



(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant 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 Manager, M/s. Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd, No. 160, Om Chambers, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore. (Karnataka).
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