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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest Ecology and Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Bangalore-560001.

Sub: *Ex post facto* approval for diversion of 2.5766 ha. of forest land in Bola village, Kasaba Hobli, Karkala Taluk, Udupi District (Kundapura Forest Division) for construction of 400 KV DC line with Quad Moose ACSR for a route length of 179.85 km from Nandikur Generation Station to 400/200 KV Receiving Station at Shantigrama village in Hassan District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd (KPTCL), 400 KV Transmission Line Works Division, Bannanje, Udupi.-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No.FEE93FLL2022 (e) dated 15.09.2022 on the subject mentioned above. In this regard, it is informed that the aforementioned proposal submitted by the State Government has been examined in this office and it is requested to furnish following clarification/ information;

1. There is contradiction with respect to justification submitted by the user agency for obtaining *ex post facto* approval and the observations of the PCCF (HoFF) in his forwarding letter dated 13.07.2022. The user agency states that the original alignment was finalized in consultation with Officials of Forest Department and accordingly approval for diversion of 172.53 was sought. The forest area sought for ex-post facto approval was not included earlier in the original proposal as it was mistaken as Government land by Forest Department officials. However, PCCF (HoFF) observes that the user agency has altered the alignment from previously proposed FC diversion and violated the F(C)Act, 1980. Therefore, clarification/ factual report on the violation may be furnished.
2. The map showing original alignment of transmission proposed at the time of granting approval for diversion of 172.53 ha forest land and changed/ altered alignment may be be furnished
3. As per the original approval granted under F(C)Act, 1980, 95.74 ha of forest land was approved for diversion in Kundapur Forest Division. It may be clarified whether any extent of approved area is kept unutilised due to change in alignment as reported by PCCF (HoFF).
4. Whether any FOC has been booked against user agency for illegal cutting of trees in the proposed forest land.
5. Details of trees already felled in the forest area proposed for ex-post fact approval.

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6. While according final approval for diversion of 172.53 ha forest land for constriction of 400 KV DC line from Nandikur (Udupi) Generating station to 400/220 KV receiving station at Shantigrama (Hassan), it was stipulated that monitoring committee under Chairmanship of PCCF (HOFF) will be constituted for monitoring the compliance of conditions. It is therefore requested to furnish the reports of the monitoring committee in compliance to the said condition.

It may be be kindly seen that proposals under F (C) Act, 1980 involving violations are to be placed before the Regional Empowered Committee and processed by the Ministry. Therefore, it is requested to furnish a detailed violation report along with aforementioned details for further exaaamination of this proposal.

Yours faithfully



(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistatnt Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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