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To

✓ Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,
New Raipur (CG).

Sub: Sub: Diversion of 153.448 ha forest land in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd Raigarh for construction of 765 KV D/C (Hexa) Jharsuguda- Dharamjaygarh Transmission Line in the District of Raigarh in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-22/2016/10-2 dated 30.08.2016 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ) of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur revealed following:

- i. Forest patch wise density of all 30 patches involved in the proposal has not been provided in the proposal.
- ii. Examination of the kml/shape files, it is revealed that out of 9 patches identified for CA, 4 patches were observed to be unsuitable as 3 patches appears to have density more than 40% (1 in Dharamjaigarh (OA No. 1445), 2 in Korba (OA No. 1465 and 1443) while part of one 1 patch in Raigarh (964 P) appears to be under encroachment (agriculture). Further, as per the provision of the component of CA scheme, the State Government has incorporated the provision of protection for 10 years. However, the provisions further needs to be elaborated to confirm if the provisions of protection incorporates watchman and fencing also.
- iii. In the site suitability certificates of CA land, submitted along with the proposal, status of encroachment i.e. land identified for raising CA is free from encroachment has not been certified by the DCFs concerned.
- iv. Examination of the proposal submitted online revealed that complete documents i.e. annexure referred in the Part-II have not been uploaded. The same needs to be uploaded. Part-II of the proposal appears to have been filled casually by the DCFs concerned. Revised Part-II may be submitted without giving any references along with the field inspections notes and reasons for recommending the project.
- v. CCF, Bilaspur has mentioned that RoW be reduced from 10m to 3 m, however, as per guidelines RoW for 765 KV line is 10 m, therefore, the State Government/CCF may convey its considered opinion on the matter that in case the RoW is not reduced, the proposal stands recommended or not.
- vi. KML files pertaining to the CA have not been uploaded properly. As assessed on the website of the MoEF&CC on 1.10.2016, only 5 kml files pertaining to the Raigarh Forest Division have

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been uploaded while uploading the same files has been repeated in case of Korba and Dharamjaigarh Divisions. The correct kml files needs to be uploaded in respect of CA area identified in Korba and Dharamjaigarh Divisions.

- vii. KML files for 30 patches of the forest land involved in the proposal have been submitted. However, single KML file for the entire stretch of transmission line may be submitted for the ease of analysis of the forest area using decision support system.
- viii. The total forest area mentioned in the certificates of the concerned District Collectors issued under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is 166.007 ha while diversion is sought only for 154.448 ha. The discrepancy in the area may be justified by the State Government. Further, records of the consultations/meetings of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee in Korba District have not been submitted along with the proposal.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this office for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



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1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. CCF, Bilaspur, State Forest Department, Chhattisgarh
4. DCFs, Forest Divisions Raigarh/Dharamjaigarh/Korba
5. User Agency (M/s PGCIL).
6. Guard File.



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