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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 37.919 ha of Forest Land in favour of Executive Engineer, CSPTCL, Chhattisgarh for laying and construction of 132 KV DCSS Bhanupartappur-Pankhajur transmission line in Kanker District in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh. letter no. F-513/2016/10-2 dated 25.05.2016 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. Bhu-Prabandh/Vidyut/479-137/2140 dated 27.08.2010 forwarding additional information as sought by the Regional Office vide its letter of even number dated 13.06.2016 and to say that proposal along with the additional information received from the Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh was considered by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 28.09.2016 and the Committee, after examination of the proposal and information submitted therein **recorded its displeasure over the inconsistent information furnished by the concerned DCF in the Part-II submitted in the proposal and details submitted online. The Committee desired that State Government should view this matter seriously and concerned officials in the State Government and the State Forest Department should be advised to evaluate and securitize the documents pertaining meticulously.**

The REC, after detailed discussion on the proposal, the Committee desired that proposal may again be submitted for its consideration once the information on following is submitted by the State Government:

- Number of forest block/patch involved in the project along with the density of each patch.
- The discrepancies in the number of trees furnished in the proposal and as that of reported by the concerned DCF in the Part-II submitted online may be rectified and the exact number may be communicated by the State Government.
- Number of trees involved in the each alignment explored by the User Agency before finalizing the present alignment.
- Examination of the new sites over DSS, as proposed by the State Government, again observed to have density more than 0.4 which may not be fit for afforestation. Therefore, alternate sites may be selected and evaluated by the concerned authorities in the State Forest Department before submission


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of the same to the Regional Office. The details of CA sites should be accompanied with the revised CA scheme which should be site specific, inter-alia incorporating the provisions of watchman for protection of the CA area, and site inspection notes of the DCF concerned for the proposed CA area.

- v. Exact legal status of the 3.06 ha of land involved in the project which earlier formed part of the land proposed for diversion and now not included for diversion by the state government, on the grounds that patta has been issued and the land is under agriculture. It may also be clarified as to how pattas have been issued by the state govt. over forest land.
- vi. Authorities in the State Forest Department should evaluate the alignment again and wherever possible the forest patch should be avoided by shifting the alignment. The Committee also desired that a suitable map preferably on 1:15,000 scale showing the alignment and forest area and non-forest area may also be submitted by the State Government.
- vii. Observations of the Regional Office, as conveyed vide its letter dated 13.06.2016 may be adequately addressed by the State Government as the Part-II in respect of both the Division has not been rectified in light of the observations of the Regional Office, inspection report of the CA sites not submitted, suitable CA sites, in lieu of discarded patches by the Regional Office, have not been identified, details of alternatives examined, etc. Where ever it is not possible to avoid forest patch, the line should be so re-aligned in such a way that its length passing through the forest is minimum.
- viii. A report from the DCF concerned may be obtained on certifying an unsuitable area as suitable for raising CA.

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

Yours faithfully,



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Scientist 'C'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. User Agency (M/s Executive Engineer, HTV (Construction) Division, Chhattisgarh State Electricity Transmission Company, Bhilai-3).
4. Guard File.



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