

Karnataka Forest Department

File No. B2/GFL/MLP/14.458/s.no-111/2013 14/2024-25

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests
Bagalkote Division, Bagalkote
Date: 20-06-2024

To,
The Chief Conservator Of Forests
Belgavi Division, Belgavi.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 18.458 ha. Of forest land in Sy.No.6,7,8,205,210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy.No. 152 of Siddapur, Sy.No. 13 of Ramateertha and Sy.No. 9,25,36 & 42 of Jamkhandi village, Jamkhandi taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapur to Jamkhandi S/C line corridor for distance of 23.897 km in favour Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bagalkot. (Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/16981/2015.)

Ref: 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Bengaluru Office Letter No:KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/51/2018-FC Date:06-10-2023.
2) Your Office Letter No:A7/LND/FCP/TL/BGK/CR-14/2014-15/2949 Date:07-10-2023.
3) Executive Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Bagalkote Letter No:614/ಬಾಕೋ/ಕಾನಿಇಂ(ವಿ)/ಬೃಕಾವಿ/ಸಕಾನಿಇಂ(ಕ)/22-23/1143-46 Date: 07-06-2024.

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With respect to the above subject I am submitting herewith enclosed report submitted by the User Agency regarding construction of 110 KV transmission line from Mahalingapura 220 KV station to Jamkhandi 110 KV substation in 1987 without taking prior approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for your kind perusal and further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forest
Bagalkote Division, Bagalkote.

Copy to Submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Bengaluru for kind information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Bagalkote for information.

Deputy Conservator of Forest
Bagalkote Division, Bagalkote.

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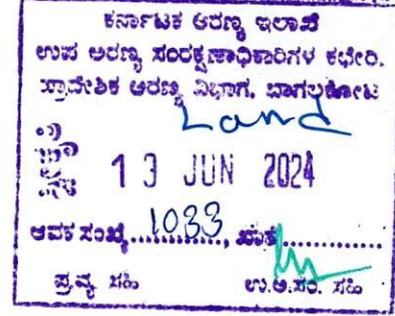
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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07/06/2024

To,
The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Bagalkot Division,
2nd Floor, District Administrative Building,
Navanagar, Bagalkote - 587103.

Sir,



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Furnishing the name and action taken details - Regarding.

- Ref :**
1. Forest proposal No.: FP/KA/TRANS/16981/2015.
 2. The Managing Director, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru letter No.: KPTCL/MD/SPS/2022-23/148 Dated: 29/09/2022.
 3. The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot letter No.: B2/GFL/MLP/18.458/111/2013-14 Dated: 28.11.2022.
 4. This office letter No.: 604/BGK/EEE/MWD/AEE(O)/22-23/5318-5321 Dated: 14/02/2022.
 5. The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot letter No.: B2/GFL/MLP/18.458/111/2013-14/2712 Dated: 16/03/2023.
 6. This office letter No.: 604/BGK/EEE/MWD/AEE(O)/22-23/26-29 Dated: 03/04/2023.
 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru letter No.: KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/51/2018-FC Dated: 06/10/2023.
 8. The Executive Engineer Ele., Major Works Division, KPTCL, Belagavi letter No.: 1048 Dated: 06/06/2024.

With reference to the subject forest proposal and letters under reference-5&7, the following officers were in charge of the work of "Construction of 110KV Single Circuit line on Single Circuit Towers from 220KV Mahalingapur receiving station to 110KV Sub-station Jamkhandi for a distance of 23.897", and the construction of this line was completed in the year 1987.

Sl. No.	Name of the Officers	Designation	Period
1.	Sri. Vijay R. Naik	Executive Engineer Ele., Major Works Division, KPTCL, Belagavi	08.07.1985 to 30.12.1989
2.	Sri. H. B. Dastagir	Assistant Executive Engineer Ele., Major Works Division, KPTCL, Belagavi.	01.04.1984 to 31.12.1987
3.	Sri. A. P. Bastawade	Assistant Engineer Ele., Major Works Division, KPTCL, Belagavi.	01.04.1984 to 31.03.1988
4.	Sri. V. C. Mulagund	Assistant Engineer Ele., Major Works Division, KPTCL, Belagavi.	30.05.1984 to 31.03.1988

Further, it is learnt that the above-mentioned officers have passed away. And the addresses of their dependents are being traced. And, once the addresses of their dependents are traced and verified, the same will be communicated to Forest Department for further needful action.

Further, it is to once again submit that, the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) is a Government Undertaking Company which is engaged in Construction of Sub-Stations and Transmission Lines in Karnataka State and ensures that quality and reliable power supply is provided to all the consumers in Karnataka State.

Power supply to Jamakhandi urban area, Banahatti urban area, Madarkandi, Kallahalli, Hipparagi, Kulahalli, Siddapura, Kumbarahalli, Sanala, Alaguru, Kunchanur, Jakanur, Hunnur, Kadapatti, Navalagi, Jagadala, Bandigani, Yellatti, Asangi, Bisuguppa, Banahatti Keeri and surrounding area in Jamakhandi Taluk Bagalkote District was fed from single circuit 110KV Transmission line from Mahalingapur to Jamkhandi which was commissioned in the year 1987.

At present the load in the area is increasing day by day, hence to meet the increasing load demand conversion of this single circuit transmission line to double circuit transmission line was proposed and awarded during Feb-2017. Now, except in Forest area i.e., 8.392 Kms out of 23.897Kms, all other works are completed.

This Transmission line was constructed from existing 220KV Mahalingapur Receiving Station to 110KV Sub-station Jamkhandi during the year 1987. KPTCL officials have constructed transmission line for a distance of 8.932 Kms unknowingly in the forest land as there was no demarcation of forest boundary.

During 2015 when KPTCL proposed to convert the said transmission line from single circuit to double circuit it is found that forest approval was not obtained during construction of transmission line in the year 1987. Hence, proposal is submitted to forest department for obtaining approval.

At present forest officials are requesting KPTCL to furnish the name and action taken details on the officers who have constructed the transmission line in the forest area. But the transmission line was constructed unknowingly in the forest area in good faith for providing power to the consumers of Banahatti and Jamkhandi area. The violation of Forest Conservation Act was not intentional; hence no action was taken on officers who were involved in construction activities.

Under the circumstances explained above it is clear that subject Transmission line was constructed unknowingly in the Forest land as there was no demarcation of Forest boundary and the subject sub station and transmission line was constructed in the interest of public service as explained above. However, KPTCL is ready to pay panel charges to Forest Department as per norms.

Hence, it is requested to issue Stage-I approval for the subject work without insisting on the action taken details on KPTCL officers.

Yours faithfully



**Executive Engineer (Ele),
Major Works Division, KPTCL,
Bagalkote.**