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Subject: Issuance of 'No-Objection Certificate' for Installation of 66 KV Transmission Line within Purna Sanctuary's Eco-Sensitive Zone

References:

1. Letter No. A/JMN/14/1568-70 dated 06/12/2021 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Valsad Forest Circle.
2. Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Notification S.O. No. 1258(E) dated 31.05.2012.
3. Proceedings of the Eco Sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee meeting held on 11/11/2021 at the Sanctuary.
4. Resolution No. V.P.S-1012-133-W dated 31/05/2012 from the Department of Forest and Environment, Secretariat Gandhinagar.

The Executive Engineer (Construction), GETCO, Navsari, has submitted a proposal regarding the installation of a 66 KV transmission line from Purna wildlife sanctuary Eco Sensitive Zone to Morjira Substation (covering an area of 14.451 hectares) for NOC from wildlife angle.

The proposed site lies within the Eco Sensitive Zone of Purna Sanctuary, specifically designated as part of the declared Eco Sensitive Zone as referenced in (2). Both the Deputy Conservator of Forests and the Chief Conservator of Forests have recommended issuing a no-objection certificate from a wildlife perspective for this proposal.

As per the provisions outlined in reference (2), obtaining prior approval from the State Government, based on the Monitoring Committee's recommendation, is imperative before initiating any non-agricultural activities within the Eco Sensitive Zone. This proposal has been recommended for approval the Monitoring Committee Meeting on 11/11/2021, as per agenda item No.3.

After considering the opinion and recommendation of the division and the monitoring committee and in accordance with the resolution dated 31/05/2012 of the Forest and Environments Department, Gandhinagar, a 'No Objection Certificate' has been granted from a wildlife perspective to the User Agency, the Executive Engineer

(Construction), Const. Division, GETCO Navsari, for the laying of a 66 KV Transmission line from the existing 66KV Subir substation to the 66KV Morzira substation (14.4511 Ha.) within the eco-sensitive zone of Purna Sanctuary.

Conditions:

1. Preservation of wildlife habitats, flora, and fauna without any disruption or damage during the construction process will be ensured.
2. The "No Objection Certificate" is strictly limited to the specified purpose and cannot be utilized for any other purposes in the future.
3. Obtaining separate permission under the Forest Conservation Act - 1980 is mandatory for utilizing forest land.
4. The applicant company is restricted to work solely at the designated location; no operations are permitted elsewhere without prior approval.
5. Bird guards/reflectors along the transmission line at regular intervals will be installed.
6. Notify the local forest department office in writing before commencing and upon completing the work.
7. Strict adherence to the stipulations outlined in the Zonal Master Plan of the Eco Sensitive Zone upon its establishment is mandatory.
8. Any future additional conditions mandated by the Chief Wildlife Warden or the State Government concerning wildlife conservation must be adhered to and implemented accordingly.

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To
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CCs:

1. The Collector, District Dang, Ahwa, for your information.

Copies to:

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Dang Forest Division, Ahwa, to ensure compliance and notify this office accordingly.
2. Executive Engineer (Const.), Construction Division GETCO, Navsari, for information.