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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department
M.S. Building, Bengaluru – 560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 6.073 hectare of forest land in Sy. No. 40 of Guduginakoppa Village and Sy. No. 103 & 164 of Udri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District (Sagar Forest Division) for laying of 110 KV SC line on DC Towers from the existing 110/11 KV Thogasri Substation to the proposed 1x10 MVA 110/11 KV Substation at Kuppagudde in Soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Shivamogga

Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/38788/2019

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 29-04-2020 [Stage-I proposal] and 07-08-2021 [communication of GOI EDS Query]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 44 FLL 2020 (e) dated 05-02-2021 [Stage-I proposal] and 01-06-2021 [communication of the GOI EDS query]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRC 1282/2021-BAN/1232 dated 15-02-2021 [EDS query]
 4. The Executive Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Shivamogga letter No. ಕಾನಿಇಂ(ವಿ)/ಸಕಾನಿಇಂ(ಕ)/ಬೃಕಾಲು-1/ಶಿ/2021-22/ 299-305 dated 15-02-2022 [reply to GOI EDS Query]
 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar letter No. B1/Land/FC/GL/38788/2019-20 dated 03-03-2022 [online reply dated 04-03-2022 to GOI EDS Query]
 6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga letter No. A11/FC/Kuppagudde KPTCL/GL-7458/19-20 dated 17-03-2022 [online reply dated 22-03-2022 to GOI EDS Query]

With reference to the above proposal seeking Stage-I approval submitted by this office vide ref (1) dated 29-04-2020 and by the Government of Karnataka vide ref (2) dated 05-02-2021, the Government of India vide ref (3) has raised an EDS query seeking certain additional information. The same has been communicated by the Government of Karnataka vide ref (2)

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dated 01-06-2021 to this office. This office vide ref (1) dated 07-08-2021 has forwarded the same to the field officers and the user agency.

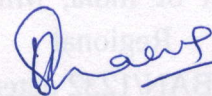
In response, the user agency vide ref (4) has submitted the information sought by the Government of India, that has been forwarded to this office through FC web portal by the field officers vide ref (5) & (6).

Based on the reply furnished by the user agency and the information available in the proposal, the following reply is submitted to the query raised by Government of India.

1. The proposed transmission line falls in the extent of 6.073 ha (0.6631 hectare forest area in Sy. No. 40 of Guduginakoppa village, 4.20607 hectare in Sy. No. 164 of Udri village and 1.204038 hectare in Sy.No. 103 of Udri village).
2. There is no encroachment in the 0.6631 hectare forest area in Sy. No. 40 of Guduginakoppa village. Therefore, there is no applications under the Forest Rights Act. The question of settlement of agricultural land does not arise in Sy. No. 40 of Guduginakoppa village. Further the local people encroached the forest area in in Sy. No. 164 & 103 of Udri village. For this encroachment, 384 applications have been submitted for settlement from local people. After examining the applications, due to lack of documents, all 384 applications are rejected by the authorized authority. **The RoFR certificate in Form-I is issued by Deputy Commissioner No. SMGDC-LND (2) MISE/150/2019(5968) dated 14-02-2022 is enclosed.**
3. After examining the feasibility of upgradation of existing lines and alternatives, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar vide ref (5) has stated that there are no existing lines near by the proposed project. The proposed route is estimated to have the lowest forest land loss and the lowest tree cutting.

It is requested to forward the above information to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 15-02-2021, for further needful.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Circle Shivamogga for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division for information.
3. Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Shivamogga for information.

FORM-1

(for liner projects)

Government of Karnataka

Office of The Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga District.

No. SMGDC-LND(2)MISE/150/2019(5968)

Dated: 14.2.2022

TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 where in the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA, for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 6.073276 (15.0074 Acre) hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of Executive Engineer, Major Works, KPTCL, Shivamogga-577201 (name of user agency) for Construction of the proposed 110kV S/C line of D/C towers from existing 110/11kV Substation at Togarsi to the proposed 110/11kV Sub-station at Kuppagadde in Soraba taluk, (purpose for diversion of forest land) in Shivamogga district falls within jurisdiction of Udri village(s) in Soraba tehsils.


It is further certified that

- The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire (Soraba Taluk, Udri Village, Survey Number 40, 103 & 164, 6.073276 (15.0074 Acre) hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. The certified Letter from Assistant Director, District Scheduled Tribes Welfare Officer, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Shivamogga is enclosed as annexure-I. Since there are no applications for claiming the rights, the question of placing before the sub Division level committee and District level committee does not arise. Hence, annexure-II and annexure-III are not enclosed as they are not applicable.
- The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the government as required under section 3(2) of the FRA have been completed and the Grama Sabhas have given their consent to it.
- The proposal does not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-agricultural communities.

Encl: As above

Attested

L. K. K. L. S. P.
Executive Engineer (Elect)
Major Works Division
K.P.T.C. L. SHIVAMOGGA


(Dr. Selvamani R)
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SHIVAMOGGA Dist.,
KARNATAKA STATE
(Full name and office seal of the District Collector)