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Dated: 21st February, 2018

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 70.782 ha of forest land in favour of CSPTCL for construction of 220 KV Jagdalpur - Barsoor Transmission Line under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Bastar and Dantewada Districts in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-01/2018/10-2 dated 6.02.2018 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:

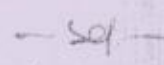
- i. Name of signing authority has not been mentioned in Part-II (Bastar Forest Division) and Part-III of Form-A. Further date of submission has not been mentioned in Part-I and Part-II (Dantewada Forest Division).
- ii. Detail of area available for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal in the clearance available under the conductor and scheme of plantation has not been provided in the proposal.
- iii. Part-I submitted online mentioned the period for which diversion is sought as 0 years. Exact period for which diversion is being sought by the User Agency should be indicated by the User Agency and submitted to the Regional Office.
- iv. Details of survey numbers pertaining to the non-forest land have not been provided. The same needs to be submitted along with certificate from the DCF concerned that survey number pertaining to the non-forest land does not fall into the deemed forest category on which of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable.
- v. Map, depicting the alternative alignments explored by the User Agency has not been submitted along with the proposal.
- vi. Certificate from the DCF concerned regarding location of the project outside the PAs has not been submitted along with the proposal.
- vii. Cost-Benefit analysis has to be done as per MoEF&CC latest guideline dated 1.08.2017. State Government may be asked for submission of same as per the MoEF&CC latest guideline dated 1.08.2017.
- viii. It has been mentioned that proposed alignments is passing through the area within-10 km buffer from Kanker National Park. Hence, comments of PCCF, Wildlife may be obtained regarding any adverse impact on local wildlife due to proposed transmission line.

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- ix. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided.
- x. Copy of undertaking from the User Agency and maps showing the alternate alignment by passing the forest land in accordance with the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 7.01.2013 has not been submitted along with the proposal.

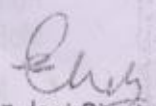
In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this office for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,


Charan Jeet Singh
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.
4. Guard File.


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