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HOTNFD/1584/2025-TS3 Forests (Head of Forest Force), Forest Head
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Dated: 23-05-2025

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 15.15 ha of forest land for Utilising the existing 230 KV transmission corridor (since 1965) from Parali PH 3 to Loc.56 in Nellithurai Reserved forest of Coimbatore division for erection of 400 KV DC line on DC towers with HTLS conductor from the Parali 400 / 230 KV SS up to loc 56 in Coimbatore District in favour of Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore- proposal forwarded - Regarding

- Ref: 1 Diversion of forest area Forest clearance proposal uploaded in Form-A by the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Coimbatore - Proposal No FP/TN/Trans/40633/2019 dated 11.06.2019, and resubmission of proposal on 08.07.2019, 21.01.2020, 20.10.2020 and 18.05.2020
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division in parivesh portal on 16.04.2025
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore in parivesh portal on 28.04.2025

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Attention of the Chief Conservator of Forests/ District Forest Officer is invited to the references cited.

1) Forest clearance proposal furnished by the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Coimbatore for diversion of 15.15 ha of forest land in Coimbatore Division for Utilising the existing 230 KV transmission corridor (since 1965) from Parali PH 3 to Loc.56 in Nellithurai Reserved Forest of Coimbatore Division for erection of 400 KV DC line on DC towers with HTLS conductor from the Parali 400 / 230 KV SS up to loc 56 in Coimbatore District in favour of Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore has been forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division through parivesh portal on 18.05.2020 for further processing.

2) As per the time line details of the project proposal, the District forest Officer, Coimbatore Division has raised EDS query on the proposal

on 04.02.2021. For this the user agency has replied on 14.05.2024. Thereafter the for the details called for by the District Forest Officer, the user agency has resubmitted the proposal on 26.06.2024 and 26.09.2024.

3) The District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division has forwarded the proposal to the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore on 16.04.2025 and the proposal has been forwarded to the Nodal Officer on 28.04.2025.

4) In the proposal, following shortcomings are noticed.

i) Certificate issued by the District Collector on completion of process for settlement of rights under Forest Rights At 2006 on the forest land proposed for diversion has not been uploaded under Section K.i of Part-I of Form-A.

ii) Certificate obtained from the District Collector on non-availability of alternate non-forest land for the project not uploaded in the proposal.

iii) For the proposed diversion of 15.15 ha required on additional area required for 400 kv transmission line from the existing 230 kv line, compensatory afforestation has been proposed for planting of 31000 seedlings in 31 ha area in Nellithurai RF.

However, kml file of selected degraded forest area has not been uploaded in Part-II of Form-A. In this section, kml file of proposed forest area has been uploaded in the proposal.

iv) Further, connected documents of Geo-reference map, location marked in Survey of India topo sheet have not been uploaded in the proposal.

v) In the compensatory afforestation scheme, provision has been made for Drilling of borewell and installation of motor 1 No. with solar panel including pipe line for irrigation purpose in the planting area at a cost of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs. However, there is no provision made for watering the plants in the planting area.

vi) Compensatory afforestation scheme has not been proposed with reference to the Model estimate approved for the CAMPA scheme.

The District Forest Officer is instructed to process the forest clearance proposals within the time limit prescribed under the Guidelines.

Proposal forwarded in parivesh portal is returned for rectification.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation Act) (FAC) &
Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore.

The District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division, Coimbatore

Copy to the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, No. 182, D. Subbarayan Road, Tatabad, Coimbatore-12 (Project proponent/User agency)