



Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change

Sub office, Jammu

Regional Office, Chandigarh



Online Proposal No.: **FP/JK/TRANS/427059/2023**



Dated: **05/09/2023**

To,

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,
UT of Jammu & Kashmir,
Civil Secretariat,
Jammu & Kashmir (csforestjk@gmail.com)

Subject: Diversion of 1.503 hectare of forest land for Permanent restoration of Tower no 131 of 220 kV D/c Salal-Kishenpur 1&2 line under Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, District Jammu, UT of Jammu & Kashmir- reg.

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **1.503 ha** forest land for non-forestry purpose. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Government, **In-principle** approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of **1.503** hectares of forest land in favour of **Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, for Diversion of 1.503 ha Forest land for Permanent restoration of Tower no 131 of 220 kV D/c Salal-Kishenpur 1&2 line, District Jammu, UT of Jammu & Kashmir under Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, (Online proposal no. (FP/JK/TRANS/427059/2023)** for the above-mentioned project, subject to the following conditions.

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	Cost of compensatory afforestation as per CA schemes may be realized from the user agency.
1.3	Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land 1.503 ha being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 6th January 2022 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order WP(C)No. 202/1995, I.A.No. In 566, dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008.

S. No	Conditions
1.4	The Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change www.parivesh.nic.in
1.5	User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
1.6	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
1.7	The Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.
1.8	The Complete compliance report will be uploaded in the e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	The number of trees/plants to be cut shall not in any way exceed the number shown in the proposal and no harm shall be done to the wildlife during felling of trees.
2.2	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over degraded forest land in Sea Gala, Comp. no.6/J, Range Jindrah, Forest division Jammu, District Jammu at the cost of the user agency. The Plantation shall be done within one year from the date of issue of approval. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
2.3	The Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.
2.4	The Chief Executive Officer, UT CAMPA Authority shall furnish undertaking that the funds under UT CAMPA will be released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme.
2.5	The UT Government shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency.
2.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
2.7	The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the UT government will ensure that the increased amount is deposited.

S. No	Conditions
2.8	No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land. Simultaneously, all efforts will be made to save adjoining forest and forest land.
2.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government.
2.10	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
2.11	The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites as per the scheme approved.
2.12	Any other condition may be stipulated by this regional office from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
2.13	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
2.14	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC, guideline 1.21 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications), 2019.
2.15	It will be the responsibility of the UT Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal.

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The Permission will be given to this proposal for 99 years , after that permission shall be obtained from the Government of India. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
3.2	The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
3.3	User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department, shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the Right of Way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.

After receipt of the compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions under para-2, above, final approval order shall be given under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This has approval of the competent authority.

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Your's faithfully

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