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To

The Principal Secretary,
Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.244 ha. (0.098 ha. from Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary & 0.146 ha. from Thrissur Forest Division) of forest land for laying of a ± 320 KV HVDC underground Power Cable from Vadakkancherry to Thrissur in Kerala in the utility corridor of NH 544 (in a concrete duct bank of 2M width) in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Sir,

Please refer to State Government letter No. C3/22/2018/F&WLD dated 02/04/2018 and PCCF (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden's letter No. WL4-40979/2017 dated 19/09/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.244 ha. (0.098 ha. from Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary & 0.146 ha. from Thrissur Forest Division) of forest land for laying of a ± 320 KV HVDC underground Power Cable from Vadakkancherry to Thrissur in Kerala in the utility corridor of NH 544 (in a concrete duct bank of 2M width) in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out suitably at the cost of User Agency, before issue of Stage-II clearance, keeping in view the movement of wildlife.
3. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.244 ha. from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
4. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

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5. User Agency should ensure that Compensatory levies are deposited in the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund notified under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and explained in the Office Memorandum issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide No.11-100/2015-FC(Vol.III) dated 28/09/2018 (copy enclosed).
6. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.244 ha.
7. The wild life mitigation measures as approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden must be strictly implemented.
8. Any other condition that the Addl. P.C.C.F. (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
9. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and the forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Shambhu)
Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Agni Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
4. ✓ M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, SRTS-II, RHQ, Near RTO Driving Test Track, Singanayakanahalli, Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore -560 064.
5. Guard file.

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