



Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Regional Office, Bhopal



Online Proposal No.: **FP/MP/TRANS/420137/2023**



Dated: **30/11/2023**

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
Vallabh Bhawan
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 19.46 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV DC Neemuch-Chittorgarh Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Neemuch Transmission System Limited in Neemuch District of Madhya Pradesh

Sir/Madam,

This refers to online proposal No. FP/MP/TRANS/420137/2023 dated 27.03.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the decision of Regional Empowered Committee in its 14th meeting of 2023 on 10/11/2023, the **“in-principle approval”** of Central Government, is hereby conveyed for diversion of Diversion of 19.46 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV DC Neemuch-Chittorgarh Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Neemuch Transmission System Limited in Neemuch District of Madhya Pradesh, subject to the following conditions and stipulations.

1. General Conditions

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1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 40.00 ha degraded forest land at Forest Compartment No. P-40, Morvan, Range- Jawad in Neemuch Forest Division at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and monoculture of any species, especially non-native species should be avoided.
1.3	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of

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	the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall also be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
1.4	The User Agency shall restrict felling of trees to the enumerated 6425 numbers/minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department or the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department and State Forest Department shall undertake the fellings.
1.5	<i>The User Agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission lines through forest as per Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook, 2019.</i>
1.6	<i>The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.</i>
1.7	<i>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.</i>
1.8	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned DFO.
1.9	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
1.10	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.11	The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.12	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.13	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project.
1.14	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.15	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Central Government.
1.16	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time in force, as applicable to the project.
1.17	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife shall be submitted.
1.18	The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State

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1.19	The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year

2. Standard conditions

3. Specific Conditions

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3.1	The cost of compensatory afforestation on the CA land (40.00 ha DFL) at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme (including the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars etc. as required for securing the land against encroachment) shall be deposited in advance with the State Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
3.2	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 19.46 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009, 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-II) dated 06/01/2022.
3.3	a) The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department. b) The User Agency will defray the cost of such plantation. c) Cost of the same shall be transferred to CAMPA fund via online/ e.portal.
3.4	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
3.5	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
3.6	<i>The user agency shall submit actual tree felling details at the time of Stage-II approval.</i>
3.7	<i>The User Agency shall fence all towers proposed in forest area with chainlink fencing.</i>
3.8	<i>The User Agency shall submit an undertaking that no muck shall be disposed off in forest area.</i>
3.9	<i>All conditions of CWLW/SBWL/NBWL shall be strictly complied, wherever applicable.</i>
3.10	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

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3.11	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
3.12	In case the working permission is granted by the State Forest Department, a copy of the same shall be submitted with compliance report of Stage-I approval.
3.13	The KML files of Diverted and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e.Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II Approval.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

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1. The ADG (FC), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi.
2. The APCCF(LM), Govt. of MP, Van Bhawan, Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Neemuch Forest Division, Neemuch.
5. **Chief Manager, Power Grid Neemuch Transmission System Limited, Neemuch.**
6. Order File.

Your's faithfully
Hare Ram Kumar
Technical Officer (Forestry)

