

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Sub: Diversion of $0.26+0.44=0.70$ ha. of forest land in Sy. No.34 of Karadigudda village, Ramdurg Taluk, Belgaum District and Sy.No.145 of Bennakatti Village and Sy.No.767 of Shirur Village, Bagalkot Taluk & District for construction of 400 KV D/C Narendra-Kudgi Transmission Line in favour of the Deputy General Manager Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bijapur.

- Read: 1. Letter No.A5 (2) [A5(3)]GFL.CR.44/2013-14, dated: 29-10-2015 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore.
2. Government of India letter No.F.No.11-9/98-FC, dated: 21-11-2005, 26/27-12-2007, 08-04-2009 and 13-02-2014.

PREAMBLE:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bangalore vide letter dated 29.10.2015 read at (1) above has submitted the proposal for diversion of $0.26+0.44=0.70$ ha. of forest land in Sy. No.34 of Karadigudda village, Ramdurg Taluk, Belgaum District and Sy.No.145 of Bennakatti Village and Sy.No.767 of Shirur Village, Bagalkot Taluk & District for construction of 400 KV D/C Narendra-Kudgi Transmission Line in favour of the Deputy General Manager Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bijapur subject to certain conditions.

This proposal has been examined as per the general approval of Government of India, vide its guidelines dated: 21-11-2005, 26/27-12-2007, 08-04-2009 and 13-02-2014 and it has been decided to accord

sanction for diversion of $0.26+0.44=0.70$ ha. of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and hence the order.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. FEE 94 FLL 2015,
BANGALORE, DATED: 27/11/2015.

In the circumstances explained in the preamble above and in accordance with the general approval given by Government of India in their guidelines dated: 21-11-2005, 26/27-12-2007, 08-04-2009 and 13-02-2014 Government are pleased to accord approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of $0.26+0.44=0.70$ ha. of forest land in Sy. No.34 of Karadigudda village, Ramdurg Taluk, Belgaum District and Sy.No.145 of Bennakatti Village and Sy.No.767 of Shirur Village, Bagalkot Taluk & District for construction of 400 KV D/C Narendra-Kudgi Transmission Line in favour of the Deputy General Manager Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bijapur subject to production of Certificate in Form-I issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District as per guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide letter No.11-9/1198-FC(P), date: 03-08-2009/05-07-2013 by the user agency and also subject to following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be as forest land.
2. The lessee shall pay lease rent as fixed by the Government from time to time.
3. The lease tenure shall be for a period of 20 (Twenty) years.
4. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within one year or when it is no longer

needed for the stipulated purpose, the area should be resumed back. The concerned Chief Conservator of Forests/Deputy Conservator of Forests is authorized to take necessary action in this regard.

5. In case any violations are committed by the user agency under any of the Forest Acts and rules, the proposed Forest Land shall be liable for forfeiture under section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The concerned Chief Conservator of Forests is authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
6. Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 mts. would be permitted for taking the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips would have to be felled but after stringing equipment. The trees on such strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest office wherever necessary to maintain the electrical distance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.
7. Felling/pollarding/Pruning of trees will be done with permission of the local forest officers, wherever necessary for preventing electrical hazards.
8. The leased out area shall be demarcated on ground by fixing RCC pillars at an interval of 20.00 Mtrs at the cost of the user agency.
9. Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission lines shall be carried out at the user agency's cost.
10. No residential building shall be permitted in the proposed forest area.

11. The Karnataka Forest Act 1963 and Rules 1969 and other relevant Acts and Rules will be applicable for any violation.
12. The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land diverted under this proposal as per conditions stipulated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide letter No. 11-9/98-FC, dated 13/02/2014 and orders dated 28/03/2008 and 9-5-2008 of the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India.
13. The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available fauna and other flora.
14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest lands.
15. All waste/debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
16. The user agency can be advised to limit the usage width and should take utmost care not to blast the underlying rock strata to avoid major damages to the environment.
17. All precautions shall be taken to ensure fire protection to the forest when the transmission line is being laid.
18. Any damage to forest area due to such works shall be compensated by the user agency. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.
19. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage or hypothecate the forest area.
20. The approval under the Forest(Conservation)Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.

21. The user agency shall also abide by all the conditions imposed upon by Government of India, the Government of Karnataka and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force).

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka,

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Under Secretary to Government,
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