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No.6-GJC 026/2017-BHO/ 572

Dated : - 31/08/2017

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest)
Govt. of Gujarat
Block No. 14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sub: Diversion of 11.5173 ha Reserved/ Section-4 forest land for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Banaskantha-Chittorgarh Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Aravalli & Sabarkantha Districts of Gujarat.

Ref: REC minutes No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/Part-I/543 dated 21/08/2017.

Sir,

Kind reference to your letter No. FCA-1017/3-05/17/SF-101/F dated 21/07/2017 and even letter dated 19/08/2017 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

I am directed to inform you that the proposal was duly considered and approved by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 21/08/2017 for in-principle approval. Therefore, the undersigned, on behalf of the Central Government, conveys In-Principle Approval (Stage-I) for diversion of 11.5173 ha Reserved/ Section-4 forest land for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Banaskantha-Chittorgarh Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Aravalli & Sabarkantha Districts of Gujarat. subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over to the User Agency only after ensuring that the User Agency has got possession on non-forest land, if any, required for the project.
3. Compensatory afforestation:
 - a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 24.00 ha degraded-forest land (12.00 ha, Survey No. 34, Village- Khetalvad, Tal- Malpur, District- Aravalli & 12.00 ha, Survey No. 600 Pt., Village-Sabalvad, Tal- Idar, District- Sabarkantha) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible a mixture of

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local indigenous species shall be planted. No monoculture of any species shall be adopted.

- b) The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Toposheet of 1:50, 000. The bearing of each corner point and distances between successive points shall be recorded along with GPS reading of Geo-Coordinates (Latitudes & Longitudes).
4. Medicinal Plantation :
- 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.
5. Cost of compensatory afforestation and raising of dwarf spp /medicinal plants under the transmission line at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 7-10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provisions for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
6. NPV:
- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 11.5173 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders 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 in this regard.
 - b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
7. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e.portal.
8. 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 and 19/11/2014.
9. Project shall restrict the felling of trees upto 1366 numbers in the diverted forest land under strict control of the State Forest Department. The number of trees to be removed shall be kept at barest minimum during the execution of the project.

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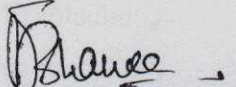
10. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
11. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made thereunder and amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.
12. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearances to prevent electrocution of Wild Animal.
13. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable interval to avoid bird hits.
14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
15. Sufficient firewood, preferably alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
16. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage forest flora and fauna.
17. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area are to be dismantled and removed and the labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.
18. 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.
19. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost.
20. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
21. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
22. Muck disposal, if required, shall be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
23. Soil conservation measures, if required, shall be taken up by the user agency.
24. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
25. The user agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the Wildlife.
26. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is earlier.
27. The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1st January of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
28. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 1st July of every year.

29. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
30. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of the provisions of all the Acts, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the condition Nos 4, 5, 6 & 7 from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by this office.

The order for transfer of forest land to user agency shall not be issued by the State Government till the formal approval for diversion of forest land is issued by this office.

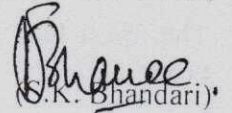
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Copy to :-

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2. The Addl. Principal Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FCA, Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xaviers High School, Sector -10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Aravalli Forest Division, Modasa, District- Aravalli, Gujarat.
4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Forest Division Sabarkantha Himatnagar, District- Sabarkantha, Gujarat.
5. The Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, 765/400/220 KV sub station & transmission line construction office, A-5, Akshatam-2, Akesan Road, Palanpur, District- Banaskantha- 38500, Gujarat.
6. Order file.


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