



Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



Regional Office, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Online Proposal No.: **FP/DL/TRANS/441848/2023**



Dated: **05/02/2024**

To,  
Principal Secretary (Forest)/Additional Chief Secretary  
(Forest)/Commissioner Secretary (Delhi)  
Lucknow  
,Delhi,

**Subject:** **In-principle (Stage-I) approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 0.9511 ha forest land in favour of Power Grid Narela Transmission Ltd. for construction of 765 KV D/C Khetri-Narela Transmission Line (AL-59 ZEBRA) under North Forest Division in North West & North district of NCT Delhi.**

**Sir/Madam,**

I am directed to refer to the online proposal no. FP/UP/TRANS/441848/2023 dated 25.08.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section '2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government, hereby conveyed "**in-principle**" approval for diversion of 0.9511 ha forest land in favour of Power Grid Narela Transmission Ltd. for construction of 765 KV D/C Khetri-Narela Transmission Line (AL-59 ZEBRA) under North Forest Division in North West & North district of NCT Delhi, 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 in an area of 3.6956 ha. Degraded Forest Land in Khasra No. 50/25 51/1, 51/10, 51/18, 51/19, 51/21, 51/22, 51/23, 52/23, 52/24 & 67/3, 67/4, Village Jaunapur, Tehsil Mehrauli, District South at the cost of the user agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided.

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1.3	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 12 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
1.4	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.9511 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 and <b>letter No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 6/1/2022</b> in this regard.
1.5	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).
1.6	<b>The KML file of the area proposed for diversion and proposed CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before commencement of works.</b>
1.7	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.
1.8	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 343 trees/minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
1.9	The user agency to explore transplanting of trees in consultation and guidance of Forest Department and monitoring/assessment of success of such transplanted trees by Research Wing of Forest Department. The details and location of such transplanted trees shall be submitted.
1.10	The FRA certificate as per Ministry's guidelines shall be submitted before the issuance of final approval. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
1.11	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
1.12	The User Agency should fence the base of the tower by Chain Link Fencing to prevent the electrocution of Elephant/ Wild Animals in forest area at their own cost. The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be fenced.
1.13	Width of Right of Way for the Transmission Line shall be limited to 67 m.
1.14	To minimize the felling of trees for construction of Transmission Line, User Agency shall comply with the following guidelines:  1. The normal width clearance below each conductor or conductor bundle in case of 765 KV D/C

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	<p>line will be 7 m only. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.</p> <p>2. Outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the Transmission Line.</p> <p>3. In the remaining width of Right of Way felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local Forest Officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. Trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 9.0 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The maximum sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above.</p> <p>4. The Scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species in Right of Way under the Transmission Line, as prepared by the State Forest Department shall be implemented from the funds provided by the User Agency and a scheme for this shall be submitted.</p>
1.15	<b>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.</b>
1.16	The User Agency shall ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activities do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna.
1.17	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.
1.18	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
1.19	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.20	Earth or any other material shall not be brought from and debris resulting during construction shall not be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.
1.21	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.22	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life/ requirement.
1.23	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
1.24	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed Guidelines.
1.25	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.
1.26	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).

## 2. Standard conditions

## 3. Specific Conditions

After receipt of the report from the State Government regarding due compliance and fulfillment of the above conditions and stipulations, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land by the State Government to the user agency should not be given effect to till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. To facilitate speedy execution of this project, the in-principle approval may be considered for issuance of working permission for commencement of works by the competent authority, if the required funds for NPV and all other compensatory levies specified in the in-principle approval are realized from the user agency and accordingly the State Government, by passing an order, may allow the commencement of work of the linear project in forest land for a period of one year.

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