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Dated the 23rd May, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 6.42 ha. of forest land in Papparapatti RF (Palakkode Range) in Dharmapuri Forest Division of Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Dharmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.225200/FR.10/2013-1 dated 20.12.2013 & PCCF, Tamil Nadu letters No. 33951/2013/TS3 dated 11.07.2014, 22.12.2014 & 18.02.2016 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 hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 6.42 ha. of forest land in Papparapatti RF (Palakkode Range) in Dharmapuri Forest Division of Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Dharmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore for a lease period of 20 years subject to the following conditions.

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
3. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 12.84 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Thoppur RF, shall be realized from the User Agency.

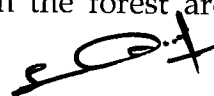
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4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 6.42 ha. from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
5. Additional amount of 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. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. Cost of raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line shall be realized from the User Agency.
7. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/c No.SB01025227- CAF Tamil Nadu, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No. 344902010105 433- TAMIL NADU CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBIN0534498). **User Agency shall generate challan from the Ministry's web portal for making payment.**
8. The height of the line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to normal level.
9. User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFO, Dharmapuri Division. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
10. Felling of trees other than 223 trees of spontaneous origin for which permission has been obtained for felling from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
11. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 6.42ha and the forest area proposed for diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
12. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
13. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area in public interest shall be complied by the user agency.



14. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable to pay penalty as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on the conditions stated above, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to the User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years only. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K. Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira ParyavaranBhavan, JorBagh Road, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira ParyavaranBhavan, JorBagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003
5. The Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, , Near RTO Driving Test Track, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560064
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