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Date 27/01/2020

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest)
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal
Madhya Pradesh.

Sub: Diversion of 24.695 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV Double Circuit Vindhyachal/ Sassan-Rewa Transmission line for THDC Coal Mines in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh.

Ref: REC minutes letter No. 6-REC10/2014-BHO/Part-II/010 dated 01/01/2020.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, M.P. letter No. F-4/46/2019/10-11/2971 dated 12/09/19 and letter of even no. 3983 dated 23/12/19 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal was duly considered and approved by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 24/12/2019 for issuance of in-principle approval. Therefore, the undersigned, on behalf of the Central Government, conveys In-Principle Approval for diversion of 24.695 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV Double Circuit Vindhyachal/ Sassan-Rewa Transmission line for THDC Coal Mines in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land will be handed over to the User Agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the User Agency.
3. Compensatory afforestation
 - a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 60.00 ha degraded forest land (Survey No. RF-562, 564, Gram Van Samiti- Bhadeli, Tehsil-Mada, District-Singrouli) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.
 - b) Total No. of saplings to be planted shall not be less than 60,000 nos. (60 X 1000) in CA land. The composition of saplings (number species wise) to be planted shall be as per the National Forest Policy and shall be recorded in plantation journal.
 - c) The standard size sapling (minimum height & minimum collar girth species wise) as approved by the State Govt. shall be planted in the selected CA land.
 - d) The height and collar girth (specie wise) shall be measured & recorded at the time of plantation and in November of plantation year. Further, data of height, collar girth and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained.

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- e) All the live stumps & pollards upto 90 cm Girth shall be dressed from ground level for the purpose of regeneration & record shall be kept in plantation journal.
- f) Plantation shall be taken up before end of 2021 monsoon.
4. 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 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
5. NPV:
- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 24.695 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 and chapter 3 of FCA Handbook, 2019 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.
6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).
7. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to 7834 numbers & minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
8. The approval letter of CWLW, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. व.प्रा./मा.चि./8865 दिनांक 16/12/2019 shall be strictly complied by the user agency.
9. All the measures/ provision for the free movement of wildlife in the protected area, wildlife corridor & forest area shall be as per the stipulations prescribed in the Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife prepared in collaboration with MoEFCC, NTCA, World Bank & NHAI and published by WII(2016). The prescriptions as per stipulations shall be strictly followed by user agency during construction under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The User Agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission lines through forest as per Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.
13. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
15. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.


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16. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
17. 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.
18. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
19. 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 less.
20. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
21. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
22. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as Para 1.21 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.
23. All the conditions of State Forest Department/Local Forest rules shall be applicable in this project.
24. The six monthly compliance report (ending 31st Jan & 31st July) for the condition stipulated by this Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e.portal by the State Govt.
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 forests & wildlife.
26. The compliance report in letter format of State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of all of the above conditions 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 formal approval order for diversion of forest land is issued by this office.

Yours faithfully,

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to :-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Govt. of M.P., Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal.
2. The Director, (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.
3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer Govt. of M.P., Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Singrouli, District- Singrouli, M.P.
6. The Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation India Limited, Pachim Kshetra-II, NH-3, NTPC Colony, Vindhya Nagar Singrouli, District-Singrouli, M.P.
7. Order file/ NIC for upload.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)