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Dated 05 October, 2017

To

The Principle Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District-522238

Subject: Diversion of 36.70 ha of forest land in Kadapa Division for construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT1 and CKT2) LILO of Kurnool-Tiruveliam Line, in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Kadapa-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.3417/Section-II/2017 dated 05.09.2017 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 36.70 ha of forest land in Kadapa Division for construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT1 and CKT2) LILO of Kurnool-Tiruveliam Line, in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Kadapa, 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 *by* the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost before the Stage II approval;
3. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 74.00 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Compt.No. 184, Eddupenta RF in Dhone Range, Compt.No. 57 of Tuggali RF and Compt No. 55 of Pendakal RF in Adoni Range of Kurnool Division shall be realized from the User Agency;

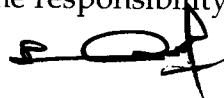
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APPROVED (BY SP)
Date: 05/10/17 RSL

4. The degraded forest land identified for CA and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 36.70 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;
6. 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;
7. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project etc shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. **The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website;**
8. The State Forest Department shall carry out plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line at the cost of User Agency;
9. The height of the transmission line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to normal level;
10. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sub let to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
12. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
13. 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, Kadapa Forest Division. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
14. Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to

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ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

15. Only 73 numbers of trees in Circuit I and 99 numbers of trees in circuit II shall be removed for the project and all efforts shall be taken to minimize the removal of trees from the proposed forest area and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of User Agency;
16. 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;
17. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 36.70 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
18. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Kadapa Division in Sl No 12 (v) (a) of part II i.e 410.32 ha of forest land and 156.02 ha of non forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
19. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
20. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly;
21. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to 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 from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

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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 Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, , Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Construction Area Office, 400 Kv Substation, Chinnakampalli Post, CK Dinne Mandal, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh-516003.
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