



Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate

Regional Office, Chandigarh



Online Proposal No.: **FP/HR/TRANS/422716/2023**

Dated: **30/01/2024**



To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Haryana,  
Haryana Civil Secretariat,  
Chandigarh ([fcforest@hry.nic.in](mailto:fcforest@hry.nic.in))

**Subject:** **Diversion of 3.1070 ha. of Forest land in favour of Power Grid Transmission limited for construction of 765 KV S/C Meerut-Bhiwani (AL-59 ZEBRA) under Forest Division & District - Sonipat, Haryana. (Online Proposal No. FP/HR/Trans/422716/2023)-reg.**

Ref: State Government's Stage-I Compliance Letter No. 5814-व-1-2023/8061 dated 15.12.2023.

**Sir/Madam,**

Kindly refer to the subject cited above and letter under reference for seeking prior approval in accordance with section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **3.1070** ha forest land for non-forestry purpose. After careful examination of the proposal, I am directed to convey **In-principle** approval is hereby conveyed for the above-mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

**1. General Conditions**

S. No	Conditions
1.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cost of <b>Compensatory Afforestation</b>, as per CA scheme, may be realized from the user agency.</li><li>2. Cost of <b>Additional Compensatory Afforestation</b>, as per CA scheme, may be realized from the user agency.</li><li>3. Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land <b>3.1070 ha.</b> being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 6th January 2022 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order <b>WP(C)No. 202/1995, I.A. No. In 566</b>, dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008.</li></ol>

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	<p>4. The Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change <a href="http://www.parivesh.nic.in">www.parivesh.nic.in</a>.</p> <p>5. Complete compliance report will be uploaded in the e-portal (<a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a>).</p> <p>6. User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.</p> <p>7. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.</p> <p>8. NOC from Railway Department needs to be submitted.</p>

## 2. Standard conditions

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2.1	<p>1. The Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.</p> <p>2. The number of trees/plants to be felled shall not in any way exceed the number indicated in the proposal and no harm shall be done to the wildlife during felling of trees. The felling of trees/plants will be carried out under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the amount spent on felling of trees/plants will be deposited by the user agency to the State Forest Department.</p> <p>3. As per the proposed CA Scheme, Compensatory afforestation (CA) shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over degraded forest land <b>Compartment No. H43014, Ottu Feeder RD 0-45 L&amp;R, Range Kalanwali, District-Sirsa</b> at the cost of the user agency. The Plantation shall be done within one year from the date of issue of approval. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall strictly be avoided.</p> <p>4. As per the proposed CA Scheme, Additional Compensatory afforestation (ACA) shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over degraded forest land <b>Compartment No. H43014, Ottu Feeder RD 0-45 L&amp;R, Range Kalanwali, District-Sirsa</b> at the cost of the user agency. The Plantation shall be done within one year from the date of issue of approval. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall strictly be avoided.</p> <p>5. The State Government shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the <i>E-Green watch portal of FSI</i>, before handing over of forest land to the user agency.</p> <p>6. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.</p> <p>7. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased by the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the State Government will ensure that the increased amount is deposited.</p> <p>8. No kind of damage will be done to the adjoining forest land. Simultaneously, all efforts will be</p>

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	<p>made to save adjoining forest and forest land.</p> <p>9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.</p> <p>10. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government.</p> <p>13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.</p> <p>14. Any other condition may be stipulated by this regional office from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests &amp; wildlife.</p> <p>15. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.</p> <p>16. The initial permission will be given to this proposal for <b>99</b> years. After that the permission shall again be obtained from the Government of India. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.</p> <p>17. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per para 1.16 of consolidated guideline and clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&amp;CC.</p>

### 3. Specific Conditions

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3.1	<p>1. Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to <b>67m</b>;</p> <p>2. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;</p> <p>3. No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path.</p>
3.2	<p>1. To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the</p>

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	<p>following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Below each conductor, width clearance of <b>(10 mts. Hexagonal bundle/7m for quadruple bundle)</b> would be permitted for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.</li> <li>2. One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line;</li> <li>3. In the remaining width the 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 <b>9-meter</b> clearance between conductors and trees. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above;</li> <li>4. 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, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department; and</li> <li>5. In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;</li> </ol>
3.3	<p>It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal.</p>

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

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**Your's faithfully**

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