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प्रधान सचिव (वन) मध्यप्रदेश शासन, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल ।

विषयः गुना जिले के अन्तर्गत वनमण्डल गुना के परिक्षेत्र दक्षिण गुना के अन्तर्गत 220 के.व्ही. डबल सर्किट गुना-गुना ट्रांसिमशन लाईन के निर्माण हेतु 24.948 हेक्टेयर (आवेदित 25.746 हे.) आरक्षित एवं संरक्षित वनभूमि मुख्य प्रबंधक, पावर ग्रिड कार्पोरेशन ऑफ इण्डिया लिमटेड को उपयोग पर देने बाबत।

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, Govt. of MP letter No. F-4/16/2021/10-11/530 dated 04/02/2021, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of24.948 ha (online 25.746 ha) Reserved and Protected Forest land for construction of 220 KV double Circuit Guna-Guna Transmission line in Forest Range- South Guna in Guna Forest Division in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Madhya Pradesh, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the 'in-principle' approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land was accorded vide this office letter dated 25/02/2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The PCCF(LM), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vide his letter No.F-4/16/2021/10-11/1948 dated 17/06/21 and even letter No. 4336 dated 22/12/2022 has furnished compliance report in respect of the relevant conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for grant of final approval.

In this connection, on the basis of the compliance report under reference and confirmation of receipt of compensatory levies from National Authority of CAMPA dated 07/06/2021the **final approval** of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 24.948 ha (online 25.746 ha) Reserved and Protected Forest land for construction of 220 KV double Circuit Guna-Guna Transmission line in Forest Range- South Guna in Guna Forest Division in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Madhya Pradesh, subject to following conditions and stipulations:-

- (1) Legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation: Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 55.00 ha degraded forest land in RF-117, RF-118, PF-143, Village-Satanpur, Tehsil-Guna, District-Guna at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and monoculture of any species should be avoided.

- (3) The State Government shall ensure that compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been completed in accordance with the relevant Rules and Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI in this regard.
- (4) User Agency shall minimize the number of trees to be felled subject to a maximum of 388 in the diverted forest land and they shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department or the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department and the State Forest Department shall undertake the felling of trees.
- (5) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest as per Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook, 2019.
- (6) The State Forest Department shall take up plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line as per scheme.
- (7) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on the ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS coordinates, forward and back bearing and distance from adjoining pillars etc. The pillars should be spaced at about 50 meter and each pillar should be clearly visible from pillars on both sides.
- (10) The layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- (11) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for execution of the project work.
- (12) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest land.
- (13) 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.
- (14) The User Agency should fence the base of the tower by Chain Link Fencing to prevent any electrocution of Elephant/ Wild Animals in forest area at their own cost. The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and should ensure that the specific towers have been properly fenced.
- (15) The diverted forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (16) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.
- (17) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (18) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s)

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- and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time in force, as applicable to the project.
- (19) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- (20) All the conditions of Stage-I approval dated 25/02/2021shall be strictly complied.
- (21) 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 and wildlife.

As has been mentioned at Para-2 of the Stage-II approval, this approval for diversion of forest land is subject to the fulfillment of stipulated conditions mentioned in this approval letter. Therefore, in the event of non-compliance of any of the conditions laid out in this approval letter, the Integrated Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may withdraw the said approval for diversion of the forest land and stop any non-forest activity being carried out in the forest land besides initiating legal action as per provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Hare Ram Kumar) Technical Officer (Forestry)

Copy to:-

- 1) The Inspector General of Forests (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- 2) The PCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, M.P.
- 3) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Circle Shivpuri, M.P.
- 4) The Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division Guna, District-Guna, M.P.
- 5) The Chief Manager, Powergrid Bhind Guna Transmission Limited, Guna, M.P.
- 6) The General Manager, Powergrid Corporation of India Limited, Bhopal, 102/E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal-462016, Madhya Pradesh.

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Signed by Hare Ram Kumar Date: 09-02-2023 17:45:42

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