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Date: /0 May, 2021

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)  
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh,  
Vallabh Bhawan  
Bhopal.

Sub: Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for proposed diversion of 16.805 ha protected forest land for construction and maintenance of 400 KV Bina-Guna transmission line which connects MPPTCL 400 KV Bina station to 400/220 KV Guna (PBGTL) sub-station in favour of Powergrid Bhind-Guna Transmission Limited, Guna in Madhya Pradesh - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (LM), Govt. of MP letter No. F-4/15/2020/10-11/358 dated 21.01.2021, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 16.805 ha protected forest land for construction and maintenance of 400 KV Bina-Guna transmission line which connects MPPTCL 400 KV Bina station to 400/220 KV Guna (PBGTL) sub-station in favour of Powergrid Bhind-Guna Transmission Limited, Guna 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 No. 6-MPC008/2021-BHO/ dated 26.02.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The APCCF(LM), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vides their letter No. F-4/15/2020/10-11/1454 dated 05.05.2021 have 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 online portal with transaction dated 07.04.2021, the **final approval** of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 16.805 ha protected forest land for construction and maintenance of 400 KV Bina-Guna transmission line which connects MPPTCL 400 KV Bina station to 400/220 KV Guna (PBGTL) sub-station in favour of Powergrid Bhind-Guna Transmission Limited, Guna in Madhya Pradesh subject to the following conditions and stipulations:-

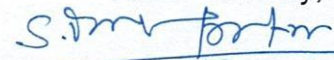
- (1) Legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
- (2) **Compensatory afforestation:** Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 33.61 ha de-graded forest land (*Survey No. RF-99, Gram Panchayat- Nanon, Tehsil-Chanderi, District-Ashoknagar, Madhya Pradesh*) 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, Gol in this regard.
- (4) No tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of this project.
- (5) The 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.
- (6) Width of RoW for the Transmission Line shall be limited to 46 m.
- (7) The User Agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals especially the elephants.
- (8) To minimize the felling for construction of Transmission Line, User Agency shall comply with the following guidelines:

- a) The normal width clearance below each conductor or conductor bundle in case of 400 KV line will be 3 m only. However in areas falling under Elephant Reserve in order to prevent electrocution of elephants in view Ministry's guideline dated 19.11.2014, at least 6 m additional clearance shall be provided over and above minimum clearance (as stipulated under Central Electricity Authority Measures relating to safety & Electricity Supply Regulations, 2010) above the ground from the lowest conductor of the Transmission Line. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
  - b) One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the Transmission Line.
  - c) 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 5.5 meter 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.
  - d) The Scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the Right of Way under the Transmission Line, as prepared by the State Forest Department (for which funds have to be provided by the User Agency) shall be implemented from the funds provided by the User Agency.
  - e) In case a portion of the Transmission Line to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut.
- (9) At Maximum Sag Point, Ground clearance shall be maintained 8.84 m. as recommended by the State Government.
- (10) The layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- (11) a) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for execution of the project work.  
b) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest land.

- c) 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.
- (12) a) The diverted forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.  
b) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.  
c) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (13) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time in force, as applicable to the project.
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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.

2. 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 Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may withdraw the said approval for diversion of the forest land and stop the non-forest activity being carried out in the forest land besides initiating the legal action as per provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,


  
10.5.2021  
(Subrat Mohapatra)

Dy. Director General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

2. The Addl. Director General of Forests (FC), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110003.
3. The APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Circle Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Ashoknagar, Madhya Pradesh.
6. The General Manager, Powergrid Corporation of India Limited, Bhopal, 102/E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal-462016, Madhya Pradesh.
7. Order file.

  
10/5/2021

Dy. Director General of Forests (Central)