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Regional Office, Madhya Pradesh



Online Proposal No.: **FP/MP/TRANS/420137/2023**



Dated: **18/03/2024**

To,
Principal Secretary (Forest)/Additional Chief Secretary
(Forest)/Commissioner Secretary (MADHYA PRADESH)
Bhopal
,MADHYA PRADESH,

Subject: Diversion of 19.46 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV DC Neemuch-Chittorgarh Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Neemuch Transmission System Limited in Neemuch District of Madhya Pradesh

Sir/Madam,

This refers to online proposal No. FP/MP/TRANS/420137/2023 dated 27.03.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the decision of Regional Empowered Committee in its 14th meeting of 2023 on 10/11/2023, the “in-principle approval” of Central Government, was issued dated 30/11/2023 with certain conditions. The Government of MADHYA PRADESH reported/submitted the complete compliance report dated 14/03/2024 to the conditions stipulated in the “In-Principle” approval and requested for grant of final approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report furnished by the Government of MADHYA PRADESH online dated 14/03/2024, I am directed to convey the “Final approval” under section 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 to the Diversion of 19.46 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV DC Neemuch-Chittorgarh Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Neemuch Transmission System Limited in Neemuch District of Madhya Pradesh subject to following conditions:

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The User Agency shall restrict felling of trees to the enumerated 6425 numbers/minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State

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	Forest Department or the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department and State Forest Department shall undertake the fellings.
1.3	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.5	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.7	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Central Government.
1.8	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.
1.9	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 forest & wildlife shall be submitted.
1.10	The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State
1.11	The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year

2. Standard conditions

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2.1	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.
2.2	The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
2.3	To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the following guidelines: (a)Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 mts. 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. (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

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	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)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;
2.4	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.
2.5	The User Agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission lines through forest as per Chapter 10 of CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES AND CLARIFICATIONS issued under VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM SAMVARDHAN) ADHINIYAM, 1980 and VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM SAMVARDHAN) RULES, 2023 (December 2023).

3. Specific Conditions

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3.1	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over proposed 40.00 ha DFL , 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.
3.2	The user agency shall submit actual tree felling details to the Regional Office, Bhopal for the record.
3.3	The User Agency shall fence all towers proposed in forest area with chain link fencing.
3.4	The User Agency shall submit an undertaking that no muck shall be disposed off in forest area.
3.5	All conditions of CWLW/SBWL/NBWL shall be strictly complied, wherever applicable.
3.6	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM SAMVARDHAN) ADHINIYAM, 1980 WITH AMENDMENTS MADE IN 1988 & 2023 and action would be taken as prescribed in the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
3.7	The plantation and maintenance of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the proposed transmission line will be carried out as per the scheme provided.

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1. The ADG (FC), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi.

2. The APCCF(LM), Govt. of MP, Van Bhawan, Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Neemuch Forest Division, Neemuch.
4. Chief Manager, Power Grid Neemuch Transmission System Limited, Neemuch.
5. Order File.

Your's faithfully

Dr Yogesh Gairola
Technical Officer (FC)

