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Regional Office, Madhya Pradesh



Online Proposal No.: **FP/MP/TRANS/403027/2022**



Dated: **03/01/2024**

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 72.4802 ha of forest land under Forest (Conseravation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s NEEMUCH TRANSMISSION LIMITED for Mandsaur(T) Division,Neemach(T) Division in NEEMUCH Forest Division, District (MADHYA PRADESH) – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF (LM), M.P. letter No. F-4/24/2023/10-11/1868 dated 09/05/2023, even letter No. 3747 dated 18/08/2023 & even No. 3964 dated 31/08/2023 wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 72.4802 ha (69.3342 ha in Neemuch Forest Division & 3.146 ha Mandsaur Forest Division) Reserved & Protected Forest land for laying of 400 KV Transmission line conductor with minimum capacity of 2100/CKT at nominal voltage) in favour of Chief Manager, Neemuch Transmission Limited in Neemuch & Mandsaur Districts of 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, 'in-principle' approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land was accorded vide this office letter of even number dated 03/10/2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has reported/ submitted the compliance report dated 18/10/2023 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 18/10/2023, I am directed to convey the **"Final approval"** under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the proposal for non-forestry use of 72.4802 ha (69.3342 ha in Neemuch Forest Division & 3.146 ha Mandsaur Forest Division) Reserved & Protected Forest land for laying of 400 KV Transmission line (conductor with minimum capacity of 2100/CKT at nominal voltage) in favour of Chief Manager, Neemuch Transmission Limited in Neemuch & Mandsaur Districts 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	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.3	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.4	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.5	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.6	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.7	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.8	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF
1.9	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project
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
1.12	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife
1.13	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project
1.14	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department
1.15	All the conditions of In-principle approval dated 03/10/2023 shall be strictly complied.

2. Standard conditions

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2.1	The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
2.2	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.
2.3	The User Agency shall comply with the guideline for laying of transmission lines through forest as per Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook, 2019.
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 comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
2.6	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.
2.7	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the project life.
2.8	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.
2.9	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 forests and wildlife.
2.10	All conditions of CWLW/SBWL/NBWL shall be strictly complied, wherever applicable.
2.11	Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 46 m;
2.12	<p>To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the following guidelines: (a)Below each conductor, width clearance of 7 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.</p> <p>(b)One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line;</p> <p>(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 7 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;</p> <p>(d)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</p>

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	Forest Department; and (e)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;

3. Specific Conditions

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3.1	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.																								
3.2	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 145.00 ha degraded-Forest land 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, especially non-native species should be avoided. Details of CA are as follows :- <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No.</th> <th>Comptt.No.</th> <th>Gram Van Samiti/Tehsil/ District</th> <th>CA land (Ha)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>301</td> <td>Nagpura/Manasha/Neemuch</td> <td>28.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>304</td> <td>Nagpura/Manasha/Neemuch</td> <td>39.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>12 & 13</td> <td>Ghasundi Jaghir/ Jiran/Neemuch</td> <td>36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>200</td> <td>Piplikheda/Singoli/Neemuch</td> <td>42.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">TOTAL</td> <td>145.00 Ha</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No.	Comptt.No.	Gram Van Samiti/Tehsil/ District	CA land (Ha)	1.	301	Nagpura/Manasha/Neemuch	28.00	2.	304	Nagpura/Manasha/Neemuch	39.00	3.	12 & 13	Ghasundi Jaghir/ Jiran/Neemuch	36.00	4.	200	Piplikheda/Singoli/Neemuch	42.00	TOTAL			145.00 Ha
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3.3	User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the enumerated 6911 numbers/ minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. The actual tree felling details shall be submitted within a month of completion of project. 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 felling.																								

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1. The Addl. Director General of Forests (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryawaran Bhawan, New Delhi. 1
2. The APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer , Van Bhawan, Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Forest Division Neemuch, District-Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Forest Division Mandsour, District-Mandsour, Madhya Pradesh
5. The Chief Manager, Neemuch Transmission Limited, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
6. Order File .

Your's faithfully
(Dr. Yogesh Gairola)

