



Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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Online Proposal No.: FP/GJ/TRANS/427501/2023



Dated: 18/04/2024

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Gujarat
Block No. 14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 0.092 ha of forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD for Jamnagar SF Division in JAMNAGAR Forest Division, District (GUJARAT) – reg.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to the online proposal no. FP/GJ/TRANS/427501/2023 dated 28/04/2023 seeking prior approval in accordance with section' 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The proposal was granted "In-Principle" (Stage-I) approval by the Central Government online on dated 19.03.2024. The Government of GUJARAT has reported/submitted the compliance report on dated 05.04.2024 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 GUJARAT online dated 05.04.2024, the undersigned directed to convey the "Final approval/Stage-II approval" under section 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 the Proposal for non-forestry use of 0.092. ha of forest land under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. for Jamnagar SF Division in Forest Division, District JAMNAGAR GUJARAT subject to the following conditions:

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale
1.3	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation,

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	at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years
1.4	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard
1.5	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
1.6	All the funds received from the user agency under the project, except the funds realized for regeneration/ demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in the Savings Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned
1.7	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.8	The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar
1.9	The User agency, if required, will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures in the area being diverted at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same may be submitted along with the compliance report
1.10	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.11	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
1.12	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.13	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.14	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
1.15	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.16	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
1.17	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

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	human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project
1.18	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
1.19	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
1.20	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
1.21	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
1.22	Grant of working permission to the extant proposal may be considered by the State Government in accordance with the provisions as contained in the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 28.08.2015

2. Standard conditions

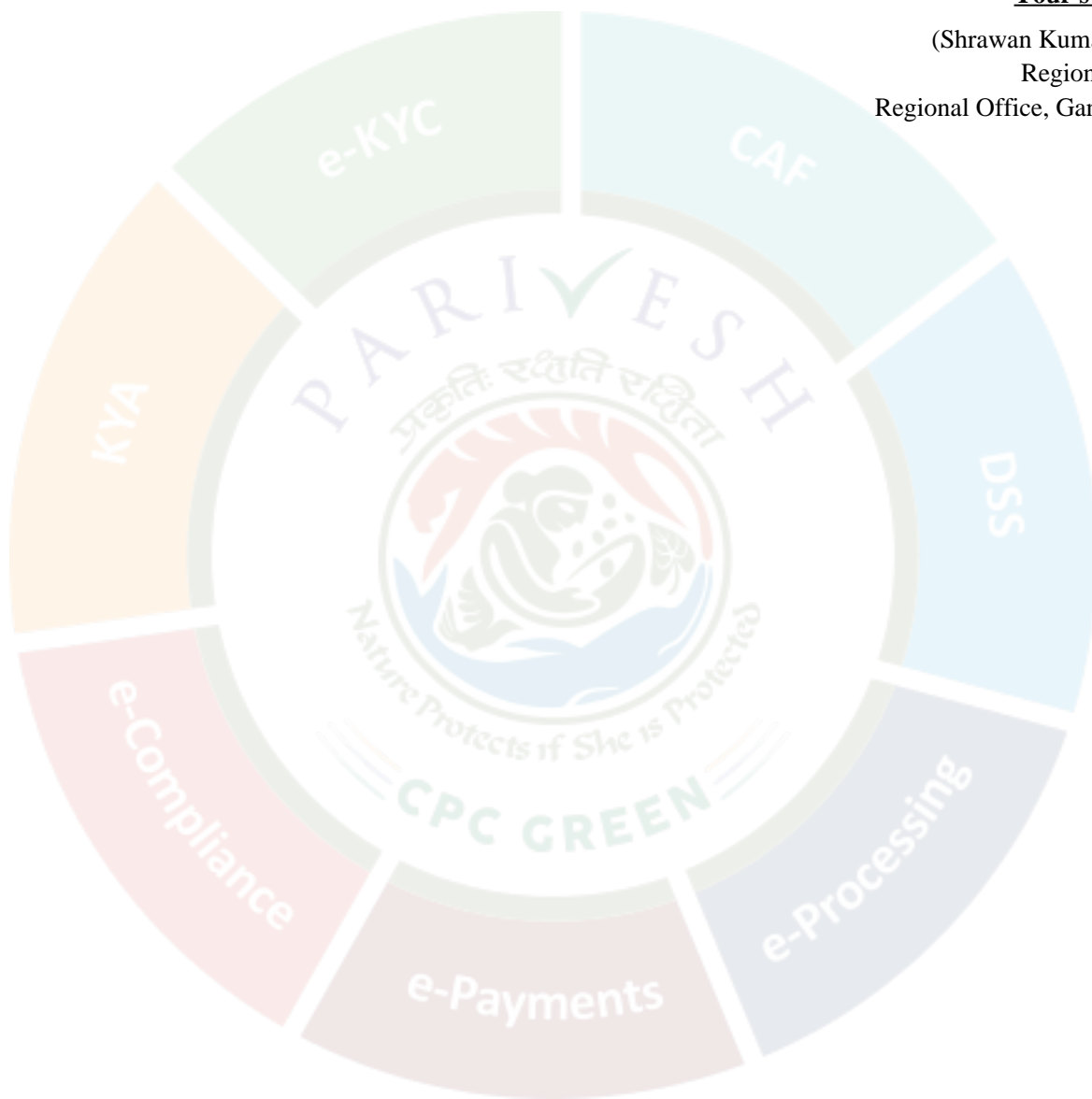
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2.1	The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
2.2	No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and 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	Nil tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of this project

3. Specific Conditions

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3.1	The State Government shall issue orders of diversion after fulfilment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made thereunder, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
3.2	The KML file of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details.

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1. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110003.
2. The APCCF & Nodal Officer, Department of Forest and Wildlife, Aranya Bhawan, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Khambhaliya, Gujarat
4. The concerned User Agency.



Your's faithfully
(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Regional Officer
Regional Office, Gandhinagar.