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To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
Vallabh Bhavan, Sachivalaya
Bhopal (MP).

Sub: Diversion of 4.544 ha Revenue Forest land for laying of 400 KV D/C Transmission Line Moda-Betul Stage-II in favour of Manger, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. in Betul District of Madhya Pradesh.

Ref: 1) In-principle approval letter No. 6-MPB064/2015-BHO/522 dated 20.05.2016.
2) APCCF (LM), Bhopal letter No. F-4/94/2015/10-11/2699 dated 19.09.2017.
3) CAMPA offline transaction dated 06.05.2019.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Bhopal letter No. F-4/44/2015/10-11/2945 dated 16.12.2015 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government vide letter (1) referred above had agreed In-principle for diversion of the above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to the fulfillment of condition Nos.2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 11 stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (2) referred above reported compliance on the fulfillment of the said conditions of the In-principle approval.

Therefore the undersigned on behalf of Central Government, is hereby directed to convey **formal approval** under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.544 ha Revenue Forest land for laying of 400 KV D/C Transmission Line Moda-Betul Stage-II in favour of Manger, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. in Betul District of Madhya Pradesh subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over to the user agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.

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3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 9.12 ha degraded forest land (7.12 ha Compartment No. 128 Bhojkund, Village-Bandhan, Tal-Pandurna, District-Chhindwara, 2.00 ha Compartment No. 518 Village-Mangara, Tal-Amla, District-Betul) at the cost of User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided.
4. The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to 528 numbers only.
5. 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.
6. The User Agency shall 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 and Chapter 10 of F(C) Act, 1980 Handbook 2019.
7. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
10. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
11. The 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.
12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
15. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
17. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per para 1.21 of FC Act, 1980 Handbook 2019.
18. All the conditions stipulated in Stage-I/In-Principle approval shall be strictly complied.

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19. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall report through the State Govt. to this office as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action will be taken accordingly.



(B. Abhay Bhaskar)
Asstt. Inspector General of Forests(C)

Copy to:-

1. The Director (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, AGNI, C-Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (LM), Bhopal.
3. Dy. Conservator of Forest, Forest Division South Betul, District-Betul, MP.
4. Dy. Conservator of Forest, Forest Division, South Chhindwara, District-Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh.
5. The Manager (Construction), Power Grid Corporation Betul, Madhya Pradesh.
6. Order file.

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