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No: 6-MPC 042/2017-BHO/ 698

To.

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest) Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Vallabh Bhavan, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh.

Sub:

Diversion of 9.807 ha Reserved & Protected forest land for laying of 400 KV single circuit Singrouli-Allahabad Transmission line in favour of Addl. General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd in Rewa & Singrouli Districts of Madhya Pradesh.

Ref:

- 1) This office in-principle approval letter no. 6-MPC 042/2017-BHO/1008 dated 11/01/2018.
- 2) APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, MP letter No. F-4/42/2017/10-11/2112 dated 13/07/18.
- 3) Receipt of online payment transaction dated 13/03/2018 & 29/06/2018.

Sir.

l am directed to invite a reference to APCCF (LM), MP letter No. F-4/42/2017/10-11/3589 dated 25/11/17 & even letter No. 3881 dated '28/12/17 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 9.807 ha Reserved & Protected Forest land of above forest land for the purpose mentioned above subject to the fulfilment of condition No. 4, 5, 6, 7 & 29 stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (2) referred above have reported compliance on the fulfillment of the said conditions 4, 5, 6, 7 & 29 of the In-principle approval letter.

Therefore, the undersigned is hereby directed to convey formal approval of the Government of India under Section–2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 9.807 ha Reserved & Protected forest land for laying of 400 KV single circuit Singrouli-Allahabad Transmission line in favour of Addl. General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd in Rewa & Singrouli Districts subject to the following terms and conditions:-

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

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3. Compensatory afforestation

- a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 21.00 ha in degraded forest land on following patches at the cost of the user agency. As far as practicable, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species has to be avoided.
 - i) 16.00 ha, Survey No. P.F-376, Gram Van Samiti- Lodi, Tahsil- Hanumana, District-Rewa.
 - ii) 5.00 ha, Survey No. RF-877, Khurmucha, Tehsil-Chitrangi, District- Singrouli.
- b) The land identified for CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Toposheet of 1:50, 000. The bearing of each corner point and distances between successive points will be recorded alongwith GPS reading of Geo-Coordinates (Latitudes & Longitudes).
- 4. The User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Project shall restrict the felling of trees upto 113 tress in the diverted forest land. The trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department and only those trees shall be felled which are absolutely essential for the project.
- 7. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- 8. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 9. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost.
- 10. 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.
- 11. The user agency shall ensure that because of the project, no damage is caused to the Wildlife.
- 12. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearances to prevent electrocution of Wild Animals.
- The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed un upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
- Muck disposal, if required, shall be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
- 15. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 16. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area, are to be dismantled and removed and the labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.

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- 17. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage forest flora and fauna.
- 18. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 19. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 20. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 21. 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.
- Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & CC may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- 23. The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1st January of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
- 24. The State Government shall monitor compliance of the conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 1st July of every year.
- 25. Relevant conditions of the "In-principle approval" order shall also be complied with.
- The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- 27. 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 on 25.10.1992.
- 28. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Dy. Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to :-

- 1. The Director, (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aligani, New Delhi 110003.
- 2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer Govt. of M.P., Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal.
- 3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Rewa, District-Rewa, MP.
- 4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Singrouli, District-Singrouli, MP.
- 5. The Addl. General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, 6th Floor, Indira Bhawan, Civil Lines, Allahabad (UP).
- 6. Order file.

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Dy. Conservator of Forests (Central)

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