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Date: 03/08/2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh,
Vallabh Bhawan,
Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh).

Sub: Diversion of 24.695 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV Double Circuit Vindhyaachal/ Sassan-Rewa Transmission line for THDC Coal Mines in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh.

Ref: 1) In-principle approval letter No. 6-MPC 041/2019-BHO/108 dated 27/01/2020.
2) APCCF (LM), MP letter No. F-4/46/2019/10-11/1922 dated 24/06/2020.
3) Online transaction dated 19/06/2020 and 23/03/2020.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, MP letter No. F-4/46/2019/10-11/2971 dated 12/09/19 and letter of even No. 3983 dated 23/12/2019 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 24.695 ha Reserved Forest land of above forest land for the purpose mentioned above subject to the fulfilment of conditions stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (2) referred above have reported compliance on the fulfilment of the conditions 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 24.695 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 400 KV Double Circuit Vindhyaachal/ Sassan-Rewa Transmission line for THDC Coal Mines in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Singrouli District of Madhya Pradesh subject to the following terms and conditions:-

Specific Condition :

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land will be handed over to the user agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
3. **Compensatory afforestation :**
 - (a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 60.00 ha degraded forest land (Survey No. RF-562, 564, Gram Van Samiti- Bhadeli, Tehsil-Mada, District-Singrouli) at the cost of the User Agency. As practicable, mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of species has to be avoided.
 - (b) Total no. of saplings to be planted shall not be less than 60, 000 nos. (60 ha X 1000) in CA land. The composition of saplings (number species wise) to be planted in the CA land shall be as per the National Forest Policy and as per the CA scheme submitted vide APCCF (LM), M.P. letter No. F-4/46/2019/10-11/3983 dated 23/12/19 and record shall be kept.
 - (c) The standard size saplings (minimum height & minimum collar girth and maximum sturdiness quotient species wise) as approved by the State Govt. as per specification in CA scheme submitted by APCCF (LM), M.P. letter No. F-4/46/2019/10-11/3983 dated 23/12/19 shall be planted in the selected CA land.

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(d) The height and collar girth (specie wise) shall be measured & recorded at the time of plantation and in November of plantation year. Further, data of height, collar girth and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained.

(e) The Sturdiness Quotient of the plants at the time of plantation shall not be more than 7.

$$\text{The Sturdiness Quotient} = \frac{\text{The height of plant (cm)}}{\text{The collar diameter (mm)}}$$

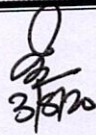
(f) Plantation shall be taken up before end of 2021 monsoon season.

(g) All the live stumps & pollards upto 90 cm Girth shall be dressed for the purpose of regeneration & record shall be kept in plantation Journal.

- 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.
- 5) The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas as per Chapter 10 of FCA Handbook 2019.
- 6) User agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to 7834 numbers & minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department. Year-wise tree felling data by the project shall be recorded.
- 7) The approval letter of CWLW, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. व.प्रा./मा.चि./8865 दिनांक 16/12/2019 shall be strictly complied by user agency.
- 8) All the measures/ provision for the free movement of wildlife in the protected area, wildlife corridor & forest area shall be as per the stipulations prescribed in the Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife prepared in collaboration with MoEFCC, NTCA, World Bank & NHA1 and published by WII(2016). The prescriptions as per stipulations shall be strictly followed by user agency during construction under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
- 9) The 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 for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
- 10) 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.
- 11) The User Agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission lines through forest as per Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.

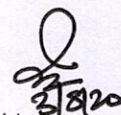
General Conditions :

- 1) The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 2) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 3) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitable demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 6) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 7) 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.
- 8) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.



- 9) 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.
- 10) The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 11) All the conditions of State Forest rules/ local rules shall be applicable in this project.
- 12) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Handbook, 2019.
- 13) All the conditions stipulated in Stage-I/In-principle approval shall be strictly complied.
- 14) The six monthly compliance reports for all the conditions stipulated in this approval every year on 1st January and 1st July shall be uploaded on e.portal by the State Govt and submitted to this office also.
- 15) 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 & wildlife.

This has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

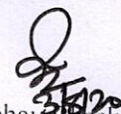


(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Addl. Director General of Forests (FC), Govt. of India. Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110003.
3. The APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Singrouli, District-Singrouli, M.P.
5. The Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation India Limited, Pachim Kshetra-II, NH-3, NTPC Colony, Vindhya Nagar Singrouli, District-Singrouli, M.P.
6. Order file/ NIC for upload.



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