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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 20.77 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 765 KV Gwalior-Jaipur-I Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Gwalior District of MP.

- Ref: 1) This office letter No. 6-MPC 013/2015-BHO/478 dated 25/5/15
2) APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, MP letter No. F-4/6/9/2015/10-11/1559 dated 14/7/15 & letter of even No. 2089 dated 27/8/15.
3) Adhoc-CAMPA, MoEF, New Delhi letter no. 1-20/2013-CAMPA dated 22/09/2015

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, MP letter No. F-4/6/9/2015/10-11/Vidyut/1114 dated 23/4/2015 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 this office letter (1) referred above had agreed in principle for diversion of 20.77 ha the above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to fulfillment of the condition No 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 stipulated therein.

The APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, MP vide letter (2) referred above have reported compliance on the fulfilment of the said conditions.

Therefore, the undersigned is directed to convey formal approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 20.77 ha Reserved Forest land for laying of 765 KV Gwalior-Jaipur-I Transmission line in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Gwalior district 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.



3. Compensatory afforestation

- a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 42.00 ha degraded forest land (Sheopur, RF-193, Gram Van Samiti Ramwadi, Tehsil-Sheopur, District- Sheopur) at the cost of the user agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of any species has to be avoided.
- 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 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. Length & Width

- a) As far as possible, the route alignment through forest areas should not have any line deviation.
- b) The width of right of way for the transmission lines on forest land shall be 67 meters.
- c) In forest areas, only vertical delta configuration of 400 KV S/C and delta configuration of 765 KV S/C shall be permitted.
- d) Below each conductor or conductor bundle, 7 meter width clearance would be permitted for stringing purpose, working out the minimum clearance.
- e) The trees on such strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.
- f) During construction of transmission line, pollarding/ pruning of trees located outside the above width of the strips, whose branches/ parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local forest officer.
- g) Pruning of trees for taking construction/stringing equipments through existing approach/ access routes in forest areas shall also be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local Forest Officer. Construction of new approach/ access route will however, require prior approval under the Act.
- h) In the remaining width of right of way trees will be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining 9.0 meters minimum clearance between conductor and trees.
- i) The maximum sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above.

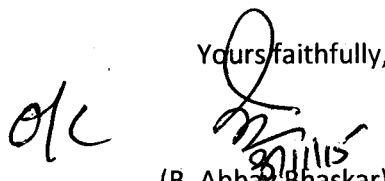


- j) To avoid any hazard, felling/ cutting/pruning of those trees which because of their height/ location may fall on conductors shall also be permitted, as may decided by local forest office.
 - k) In the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already, trees will not be cut except those minimum required to be cut for stringing of conductors.
 - l) In case of transmission lines passing through National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Wildlife Corridors, insulated conductors shall only be used to prevent electrocution of animals.
6. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees upto 800 numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
 7. The Chief Wildlife Warden shall impose suitable conditions with respect to Wildlife in the eco-sensitive zone around the protected area through which the transmission line is passing.
 8. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
 9. The State Govt. shall include stipulations proposed by the Chief Wildlife Warden while issuing the order for diversion of forest land to the user agency.
 10. The conditions stipulated by State Wildlife Board & National Board of Wildlife and Hon'ble Supreme Court shall be strictly complied by the user agency.
 11. 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.
 12. 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.
 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. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made there under and amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.
 15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 16. The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearances to prevent electrocution of Wild Animal.
 17. User agency will provide at its cost suitable bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable interval to avoid bird hit.
 18. Muck disposal, if required, shall be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.



19. Soil conservation measures, if required, shall be taken up by the user agency.
20. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
21. 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.
22. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
23. The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the Wildlife.
24. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
25. 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.
26. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area, are to be dismantled and removed. The labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.
27. Relevant conditions of the in-principle approval order shall also be complied with.
28. The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1st January of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
29. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 1st July of every year.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

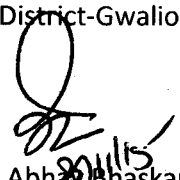


Yours faithfully,

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3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Gwalior, District-Gwalior, MP.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Sheopur, District-Sheopur, MP.
5. The Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Gwalior, District-Gwalior, MP.
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