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No. 6-GJB030/2017-BHO/ 994

Date: 19/11/2020

To,

The Add. Chief Secretary
Government of Gujarat
Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 1.742 ha Protected forest land for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Banaskantha, Mahesana, Sabarkantha and Patan Districts in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Palanpur.

- Ref. 1) This office In-Principle approval letter No. 6-GJB030/2017-BHO/917 dated 05.12.2017.
2) APCCF(L), Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA/29/A/472-73/2020-21 dated 08.10.2020 and CR uploaded on web portal.
3) Online transaction status of CA, NPV levies (vide e-portal) dated 15.01.2018.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. FCA-1017/3-04/17/S.F-100/F dated 21.07.2017 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 all the conditions stipulated therein.

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

Therefore, the undersigned is hereby directed to convey formal approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.742 ha Protected forest land for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Banaskantha, Mahesana, Sabarkantha and Patan Districts in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Palanpur subject to the following terms and conditions:-

Specific Conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed by the user agency.
3. **Compensatory afforestation:**
 - a) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **5.00 ha degraded-forest land** at the cost of the User Agency. Compensatory

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afforestation shall be of a mix of local indigenous species. Monoculture of any species shall be avoided. Details of CA is as below:

Sr. No.	District	Taluka	Village	Survey/Compt. No.	Area (ha)
1	Aravalli	Malpur	Khetavada	Kabola F.S No. 34	1.00
2	Sabarkantha	idar	Sabalvad	600Pt	1.00
3	Aravalli	Modasa	Kabola	Kabola F.S No. 3	2.00
4	Aravalli	Malpur	Khetavada	Kabola F.S No.34	1.00

- b) Total No. of sapling to be planted shall be not less than 5,000 nos. (5.00ha x 1,000) in CA land. The composition of saplings (number of species-wise) to be planted in the CA land shall be as per National Forest Policy and as per CA scheme submitted vide Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1017/3-04/17/S.F-100/F dated 21.07.2017 and record shall be kept.
- c) The standard size sapling (minimum height & minimum collar girth and maximum sturdiness quotient species wise) as approved by the State Govt. and as per specification in CA scheme submitted by Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1017/3-04/17/S.F-100/F dated 21.07.2017 shall be planted in the selected CA land.
- d) The height and collar girth (species 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) All the live stumps and pollards having girth at ground level ≤ 90 cm and having coppicing properties present in this CA area shall be dressed from the ground level and girthwise record shall be kept.
- g) The CA plantation shall be taken place before end of 2021 monsoon.
4. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to **184** numbers/minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.

General Conditions:

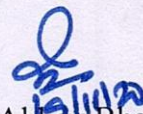
1. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
2. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying underground electric lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014 and Chapter 10 of F(C) Act, 1980 Handbook 2019.

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3. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
4. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
8. 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.
9. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, 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.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
11. 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.
12. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per MoEF&CC Guideline F.No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018 and Para 1.21 of FCA Handbook, 2019.
13. All the conditions stipulated in Stage-I/In-principle approval shall be strictly complied.
14. The user agency shall adhere to all rules, regulations, guidelines & acts enforced by State Govt. and Central Govt. for the proposal.
15. The six monthly Compliance Report for all the conditions stipulated in this Stage-II 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.
16. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest and wildlife.
17. 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.

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

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

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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 Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Palanpur, District-Banaskantha, Gujarat.
5. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Mehsana, District-Mehsana, Gujarat.
6. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Forest Division Patan, District-Patan, Gujarat.
7. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Extension Division North Sabarkantha, Himatnagar, District-Sabarkantha, Gujarat.
8. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Aravalli Forest Division Modasa, District-Aravalli, Gujarat.
9. The Chief Engineer, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., 765/400/200 KV substation & transmission line, construction office, A-5, Akshatam-2, Akesan Road, Palanpur, District-Sabarkantha-38500 Gujarat.


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