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Date 18th March, 2016

To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh. Secretariat, Hyderabad- 500 022.

Subject: Diversion of 4.214 ha of forest land (3.015 Ha in Kurnool Division & 1.199 Ha in WL Proddatur Division) for erection of 765 KV D/c Kurnool - Thiruvellam Transmission Line, in favour of DGM (CAO-TL), Proddatur, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.3759/Section.II/2014 dated 27.06.2014 & PCCF, Andhra Pradesh letter RC.No.29820/2011-F3, dated 30.05.2014 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 23rd July, 2014. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter No.3759/Section.II/2014 dated 19.01.2016 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.214 ha of forest land (3.015 Ha in Kurnool Division & 1.199 Ha in WL Proddatur Division) for erection of 765 KV D/c Kurnool -Thiruvellam Transmission Line, in favour of DGM (CAO-TL), Proddatur, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The State Forest Department, Andhra Pradesh shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 2.5 ha degraded forest area of Compt.No.33, Bhanukotamala Reserved Forest of Muddanur Range and over 6.6 ha of degraded forest land at Compt No. 36 Thungabadra Reserve Forest in Adoni at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The State Government shall obtain prior permission of the Central Government for change of location of compensatory afforestation site or schedule, if any.

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- (iv) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
- (v) State Forest Department shall carry out raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line at the cost of User Agency.
- (vi) User Agency shall not damage any flora and fauna of forest land adjacent to the proposed forest land for diversion while execution of works.
- (vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (viii) The Forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sub lease to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
- (ix) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.214 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- (x) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
- (xi) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area in public interest shall be complied by the user agency.
- (xii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable to pay penalty as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 1

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Deputy General Manager, power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Construction area Office-Transmission Lines, Proddatur, Andhra Pradesh.
6. Guard file.


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