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Dated the 08th February, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 12.40 ha. of forest land in Nathahalli RF of Dharmapuri Range and Noollhalli and Reddihalli RF (Dharmapuri) of Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Nagapattinam- Dharmapuri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.24626/FR.10/2013-1 dated 20.12.2013 & PCCF, Tamil Nadu letters No. 33950/2013/TS3 dated 11.07.2014 & 24.12.2014 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 3rd March, 2015. The PCCF, Tamil Nadu vide letter No.TS3/33950/2013 dated 12.06.2015 and 18.01.2016 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 12.40 ha. of forest land in Nathahalli RF of Dharmapuri Range and Noollhalli and Reddihalli RF (Dharmapuri) of Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Nagapattinam- Dharmapuri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.

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3. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised over 24.80 ha. of degraded forest land identified in the Thoppur RF at the cost of User Agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location of compensatory afforestation site or schedule, if any.
4. Additional amount of 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 the User Agency.
5. 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.
6. The height of the line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to normal level.
7. User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFO, Dharmapuri Division.
- 12 Felling of trees other than 217 trees of spontaneous origin for which permission has been obtained from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall not be carried out.
- 13 The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 12.40 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- 14 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.
- 15 Period of diversion/lease is fixed as 20 years from the date of issue of Stage II approval. User Agency has to apply with proposal for renewal before six months of expiry of period, to the State Forest Department.
- 16 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.

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17 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 - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003
5. The Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, , Near RTO Driving Test Track, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560064
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