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F.No.4-TNC 994/2014-BAN/ 2536

Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 6.42 ha. of forest land in Papparapatti RF(Palakkode Range) in Dharmapuri Forest Division of Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Dharmapuri (Salem)- Madhugiri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.225200/FR.10/2013-1 dated 20.12.2013 & PCCF, Tamil Nadu letters No. 33951/2013/TS3 dated 11.07.2014 & 24.12.2014 & 18.02.2016 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 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016. The PCCF, Tamil Nadu vide letter No.TS3/33951/2013 dated 22.11.2016 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

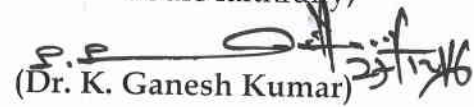
After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 6.42 ha. of forest land in Papparapatti RF(Palakkode Range) in Dharmapuri Forest Division of Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Dharmapuri (Salem)- Madhugiri 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 within two months of this approval.

3. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised over 12.84 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.
8. Felling of trees other than 223 trees of spontaneous origin for which permission has been obtained from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall not be carried out.
9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 6.42 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
10. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
11. Period of diversion is for 20 (Twenty) 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.
12. 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.

13. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for pay action 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 Deputy Secretary, 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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