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# MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE

No. 6-MPA014/2017-BHO/ 844

To.

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

Sub: Diversion of 241.0995 ha of Forest land for laying of 765 KV D/C Vindhyachal Pooling to Jabalpur Pooling transmission line at Singrauli, Satna and Sidhi districts in favour of powergrid Corporation of India Ltd., Rewa.

Ref. 1) This office In-Principle approval letter No. 6-MPA014/2017-BHO/872 dated 20.11.2017.

- 2) Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-4/41/2017/10-11/1189 dated 25.04.2019 and letter of even No. 2990 dated 08.09.2020.
- 3) Online transaction status of CA, NPV levies (vide e-portal) dated 26.02.2018, 22.02.2018, 16.02.2018 and 12.01.2018.

Sir.

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. F-4/41/2017/10-11/2936 dated 07.10.2017 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 241.0995 ha of Forest land for laying of 765 KV D/C Vindhyachal Pooling to Jabalpur Pooling transmission line at Singrauli, Satna and Sidhi districts in favour of powergrid Corporation of India Ltd., Rewa 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 482.256 ha degraded-forest land at the cost of the User Agency.



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Compensatory afforestation shall be of a mix of local indigenous species. Monoculture of any species shall be avoided. Details of CA is as per next page:

Sr. No.	Division	Circle	Compartment No.	Area in
				На.
1	Singrauli	East Sarai	RF-294	50.00
2		Karthua	RF 799	25.00
3		Karthua	RF 811	25.00
4		Mada	PF 548	50.00
5		Jiyawan	RF-804	40.00
6		Barka	PF-673	35.00
7		Sarai	PF-608	40.00
8		Jiyawan	RF-732	35.00
9	Sidhi	Churahat	P-1139	25.00
10			P-1141	25.00
11			P-1136	30.00
12			P-1137	24.00
13	Satna	Mukundpur	RF-730, 731 & 732	78.256
Total				482.256

- b) Total No. of sapling to be planted shall be not less than 4,82,256 nos. (482.256 ha 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 APCCF (LM), Govt. of MP letter No. F-4/41/2017/10-11/2936 dated 07.10.2017 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 APCCF (LM), Govt. of MP letter No. F-4/41/2017/10-11/2936 dated 07.10.2017 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.

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The height of plant (cm)
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.

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- 4. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to 44207 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.
- 5. The user agency shall comply to the conditions stipulated in the minutes of meeting of 46<sup>th</sup> National Board of Wildlife meeting dated 08.12.2017 and conditions stipulated in the clearance letter of CWLW, Forest Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vide letter No. मा.चि. / 765 के.व्ही. वि.ला. / 13-4(16) / 1102 dated 09.02.2018.
- 6. The user agency had deposited Rs. 14,90,88,135 for CA in another proposal of 114.724 hactrare.

#### **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.
- 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 circumstanced 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.

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- 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.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests(C)

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

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 APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Sidhi, Satna, Singrauli, District-Singrauli, Satna, Sidhi, MP.

5. The Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.

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6. Order file.

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