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To

The Principal Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: Diversion of 44.807 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Power Grid Corporation for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission Line from Warda to Hyderabad passing through Adilabad, Nirmal and Kamareddy Divisions-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 2915/For.I (1)/2015-1 dated 14.07.2015 and PCCF letter No.5046/2014/FCA-3 dated 11.09.2015 and online proposal No FP/TG/TRANS/13287/2015 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land 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 15.09.2015. The State Government of Telangana vide letter No. 2915/For.I(1)/2015 dated 29.08.2018 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 44.807 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Power Grid Corporation for construction of 765 KV Double Circuit Power Transmission Line from Warda to Hyderabad passing through Adilabad, Nirmal and Kamareddy Divisions, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation work and its maintenance in entire identified degraded forest land over 22.654 ha in Mothe Beat/Erraphad Section/ Yellareddy range, 49.02 ha in RF Sirikonda Beat / Sirikonda Section / Echoda Range of Adilabad Division and 18 ha in Compt.No. 954, Bandal Khanapur Beat, Ponkal Section, Mamda Range in Ammda RF from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency;

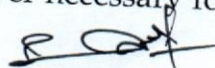
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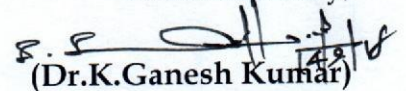
3. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;
4. User agency shall carryout mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion at the project cost;
5. **As reported in the compliance report furnished by the State Government, an excess amount of Rs.13,38,000/- has been realized from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation against approved CA scheme of Rs. 5,10,52,000/-. Hence, the State Government shall furnish justification for the CA scheme revised without the prior approval of the GoI and shall furnish copy of the revised CA scheme within a month of receipt of the Stage II approval;**
6. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible instead of resorting to felling at the cost of the user agency;
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 of concerned Division;
8. Wherever crop damage compensation has to be paid, the User Agency shall make payment of crop damage compensation in consultation with the local authorities;
9. During construction of transmission line, pollarding / pruning of trees located outside the above width of the strip, whose branches / parts infringe with conductor stringing , shall be carried out to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local forest officer;
10. The user agency at the project cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
11. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
12. The enumerated trees on the 69 meter width strip (right of way) would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration shall be allowed to come up. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;

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13. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
15. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
16. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **44.807 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
17. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 & 19.11.2014 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;
18. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
19. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

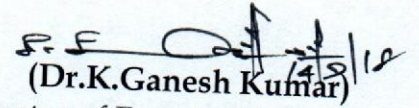
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