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No: 6-MPC 021/2017-BHO

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest) Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Vallabh Bhavan, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh.

Sub: Diversion of 8.464 ha (2.668 ha Sidhi Forest Division & 5.796 ha Rewa Forest Division) Reserved & Protected Forest land for construction of LILO of Vindhyachal-Jabalpur 400 KV D/C line (circuit 3 & 4) at Rewa pooling station is being constructed under transmission system in favour of Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Rewa & Sidhi Districts of MP.

Ref:

- 1) This office in-principle approval letter No. 6-MPC 021/2017-BHO/440 dated 17/07/2017.
- 2) APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, MP letter No. F-4/40/2015/10-11/3311 dated 06/11/17 & even letter No. 3854 dated 28/12/17.
- 5) Receipt of online payment transaction dated 04/08/2017.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, MP letter No. F-4/40/2017/10-11/1545 dated 07/06/17, even letter No. 1933 dated 06/07/17 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 8.464 ha (2.668 ha Sidhi Forest Division & 5.796 ha Rewa Forest Division) of above forest land for the purpose mentioned above subject to the fulfilment of condition No. 4, 5, 6 & 7 stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (4) referred above have reported compliance on the fulfillment of the said conditions 4, 5, 6 & 7 of the in-principle approval letter.

Therefore, the undersigned is hereby directed to convey formal approval of the Government of India under Section–2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 8.464 ha (2.668 ha Sidhi Forest Division & 5.796 ha Rewa Forest Division) Reserved & Protected Forest land for construction of LILO of Vindhyachal-Jabalpur 400 KV D/C line (circuit 3 & 4) at Rewa pooling station is being constructed under transmission system in favour of Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Rewa & Sidhi Districts subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.

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3. Compensatory afforestation

- a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 17.50 ha degraded forest land (5.5 ha, Survey No. PF 1140, Van Surakha Samiti- Sarra, Tahsil-Rampur Naikin, District-Sidhi & 12.00 ha, Survey No. P-58, Gram Van Samiti- Hardua, Tahsil-Gudh, District- Rewa) at the cost of the user agency. As far as practicable, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species has to be avoided.
- b) The land identified for CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Toposheet of 1:50, 000. The bearing of each corner point and distances between successive points will be recorded alongwith GPS reading of Geo-Coordinates (Latitudes & Longitudes).
- 4. The User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of indigenous dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
- 5. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
- 6. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees upto 217 numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. The number of trees to be removed shall be kept at barest minimum during the execution of the project.
- 7. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- 8. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by Govt. of India under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made thereunder and amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.
- The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearances to prevent electrocution of Wild Animals.
- 10. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed un upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
- 11. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 12. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 13. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage forest flora and fauna.
- 14. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area, are to be dismantled and removed and the labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.
- 15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
- 16. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost.
- 17. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.

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- 18. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 19. Muck disposal, if required, shall be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
- 20. Soil conservation measures, if required, shall be taken up by the user agency.
- 21. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 22. The user agency shall ensure that because of the project, no damage is caused to the Wildlife.
- 23. 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.
- 24. The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1st January of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
- 25. The State Government shall monitor compliance of the conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 1st July of every year.
- 26. Relevant conditions of the "In-principle approval" order shall also be complied with.
- 27. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & CC may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- 28. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- 29. 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.
- 30. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Dy. Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to :-

- The Director, (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.
- The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer Govt. of M.P., Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Rewa, District-Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.
- 4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Sidhi, District- Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh.
- The Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited Rewa, District-Rewa, MP.

6. Order file

(B. Abhay Bhaskar) Dy Conservator of Forests(C)

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