

#### Government of India

### Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



## Regional Office, Lucknow

Online Proposal No.: FP/UP/TRANS/402575/2022



Dated: 14/11/2023

To,

Principal Secretary (Forest)/Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bapu Bhawan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Subject:

Proposal for non-forestry use of **3.1142 ha.** of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s POWERGRID GOMTI YAMUNA TRANSMISSION LIMITED to be diverted for construction of LILO of Sarojani Nagar (400KV) - Unnao (765KV) 400KV S/C Line @ 400KV GIS Sub Station Mohanlalganj and LILO of 400KV S/C Lucknow-Sultanpur Transmission Line at 400 KV Sub Station Mohanlalganj, in District: Lucknow (2.6818 ha. RF + 0.3312 ha. PF = Total 3.013 ha. without felling of trees) & in District: Unnao (Total 0.1012 ha. PF with felling of 13 trees) in UTTAR PRADESH – reg.

#### Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the online proposal no. FP/UP/TRANS/402575/2022. dated 08/10/2022 seeking prior approval in accordance with section' 2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was granted "In-Principle" (Stage-I) approval by the Central Government online on dated 31/08/2023. The Government of UTTAR PRADESH has reported/submitted the compliance report on dated 30/10/2023 to the conditions stipulated in the "In-Principle" approval and requested for grant of final approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report furnished by the Government of UTTAR PRADESH online dated 30/10/2023, I am directed to convey the "Final approval" under section 2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 the Proposal for non-forestry use of 3.1142 ha. of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s POWERGRID GOMTI YAMUNA TRANSMISSION LIMITED to be diverted for construction of LILO of Sarojani Nagar (400KV) - Unnao (765KV) 400KV S/C Line @ 400KV GIS Sub Station Mohanlalganj and LILO of 400KV S/C Lucknow-Sultanpur Transmission Line at 400 KV Sub Station Mohanlalganj, in District: Lucknow (2.6818 ha. RF + 0.3312 ha. PF = Total 3.013 ha. without felling of trees) & in District: Unnao (Total 0.1012 ha. PF with felling of 13 trees) in UTTAR PRADESH subject to the following conditions:

#### 1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	Compensatory afforestation over an area of 6.25 ha. degraded forest land (DFL) shall be taken up by the Forest Department out of which 6.03 ha. in Pursani Van Forest Block, RangeMohanlalganj, District Lucknow and 0.22 ha. land bearing Survey no. G44I10 of Makhdoompur Forest block, Tehsil Hasanganj, District Unnao at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided.
1.3	Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in ROW under Transmission line shall be taken up by Forest Department at the cost of user agency.
1.4	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
1.5	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 13 trees/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.
1.6	The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
1.7	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.
1.8	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
1.9	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
1.10	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.11	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.
1.12	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.
1.13	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.14	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.
1.15	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

S. No	Conditions
1.16	The KML file of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC work, the proposed Catchment Area Treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before commencement of works.
1.17	Annual 3rd party monitoring and concurrent internal monitoring by State Forest Department shall be done and monitoring reports submitted to this office.
1.18	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
1.19	Project Completion Report and Stage-II compliance report shall be submitted within a period of 6 months of completion of project.
1.20	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
1.21	The violation of any of the conditions stipulated under this approval will be liable to the cognizance and appropriate action under MoEFCC rules and Guidelines as applicable, specifically MoEFCC Guidelines dated 15/05/2023, authorizing officers of the rank of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO)/Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and above of the State Government or Union territory Administration concerned, having jurisdiction over the forest land in respect of which any offence under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is committed or violation of the provisions of the said Act has been made, to file complaints against such person/authority/organization, prima-facie found guilty of offence under the Act or the violation of the rules made thereunder, in the court having jurisdiction in the matter.
1.22	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
1.23	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

## 2. Standard conditions

## 3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	CA area of 0.22 ha. land bearing Survey no. G44I10 of Makhdoompur Forest block, Tehsi Hasanganj, District Unnao shall be fenced to avoid encroachment and cost for the same shall be deposited by User agency as part of CA scheme.

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Date: 14/11/2023