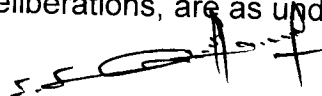


**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai held on 07.07.2015**

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai was held on 07.07.2015 in the office of the Addl.PCCF (Central), HEPC building, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-34. The following members / special invitees were present during the meeting.

1. Dr. M.R.G Reddy  
Addl.PCCF (Central),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Regional Office (SEZ), Bangalore ... **Chairperson**
2. Shri.B.S.S.Reddy  
107, White House Apartments,Road No.13,  
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad ... **Member**
3. Dr.C.N. Rao,  
9-10-3 Giddi Lane  
Gandhi Nagar, Kakinada,  
East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh ... **Member**
4. Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar  
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central) ... **Member-Secretary**  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Regional Office (SEZ), Chennai
5. Shri.P.MallikharjunaRao  
APCCF (FCA), Government of Andhra Pradesh ... **Special Invitee**
6. Shri. Asutosh Samant Singhar  
APCCF /Nodal Officer,  
Government of Tamil Nadu ... **Special Invitee**
7. Smt. R. Sobha,  
Addl.PCCF /Nodal Officer  
Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980  
Government of Telangana,  
Hyderabad ... **Special Invitee**

At the outset, Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members of REC and special invitees representing the State Government's i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The proposals in the agenda were examined by the Committee. The representatives of the project proponents present were also heard. Recommendations / decisions of the Committee, based on the deliberations, are as under: -



**State: Andhra Pradesh**

**Additional Agenda No.1: Diversion of 7.3048 ha (7.305ha) of forest land for laying of 400 K V Quad Moose Double Circuit line from Jammalamadugu to Narnoor (Kurnool) passing through Giddalur CA Block and Bethamcherla RF of Kurnool Forest Division, in favour of Executive Engineer, 400 KV Construction Division , AP TRANSCO, Kadapa**

Agenda for the 7<sup>th</sup> REC meeting was finalized and uploaded the same in the ministry's web site on 26.06.2015. Subsequently, Regional Office, Chennai received the above proposal on 03.07.2015. The proposal has been scrutinized and decided to be placed before REC meeting scheduled to be held on 07.07.2015 as an additional agenda.

The Regional Empowered Committee noted the following facts of the proposal: -

- i) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded a proposal for diversion of 7.305 ha of forest land for laying of 400 KV quad moose double circuit line from Jammalamadugu to Narnoor (Kurnool) passing through Giddalur CA block and Bethamcherla RF of Kurnool forest division in favour of Executive Engineer, 400 KV construction division, AP TRANSCO, Kadapa and requested to communicate the approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii) Density of vegetation of the proposed forest land for diversion is 0.1
- iii) Proposed forest land diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
- iv) No rare endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- v) No rare endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- vi) Requirement of the forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- vii) Species wise and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees has been furnished.
- viii) Double the degraded forest land i.e 14.65 ha has been identified and proposed for raising compensatory afforestation at Pattikonda RF in compt.no.54 in Adoni and the CA scheme includes maintenance of 7 years has been furnished along with the proposal and cost towards CA is Rs.41.30 lakhs.
- ix) Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been furnished along with the proposal.
- x) Proposal has been uploaded in the ministry's website.
- xi) Map of alternative examined and description note of the same has been furnished by the representatives of the user agency who attended the meeting.
- xii) Proposal has been recommended at all levels.

Committee heard the representatives of the User Agency were present during meeting.

**Recommendation of the REC:** Committee has examined the proposal and approved the proposal subject to the following additional condition in addition to other general conditions:-

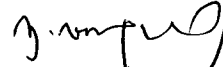
- a. Revised CA Scheme which includes cost towards raising plantation and maintenance for 7 to 10 years, fencing, watch & ward etc shall be submitted by State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Regional office, Chennai shall issue in-principle approval (stage-I) approval letter for the above proposal.

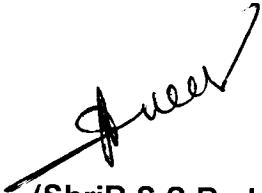
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Member



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Addl.PCC (Central) & Chairperson



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Member



**(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)**  
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)  
Member-Secretary



**(Shri.P.Mallikharjuna Rao)**  
Addl.PCCF(FCA)  
Andhra Pradesh

**State: Telangana**

**Agenda No.1: Diversion of 31.6093 ha of Forest Land in Compt.No.409,410,411 & 412 of Hathini RF Kushnepally Range of Bellampally Division for Medium Irrigation EPC-Package No.19-main canal and distributary 11 & 12 Peddavagu Diversion scheme across Peddavagu near Jagannathapur (v) Kagaznagar (M) Adilabad District in favour of Executive Engineer, I & CADD, P.P Rao Project Division, Bellampally**

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

1. State Government of Telangana forwarded the proposal for Diversion of 31.6093 ha of Forest Land in Compt.No.409,410,411 & 412 of Hathini RF Kushnepally Range of Bellampally Division for Medium Irrigation EPC-Package No.19-main canal and distributary 11 & 12 Peddavagu Diversion scheme across Peddavagu near Jagannathapur (v) Kagaznagar (M) Adilabad District in favour of Executive Engineer, I & CADD, P.P Rao Project Division, Bellampally to Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. Above mentioned proposals were considered in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) RO, Chennai held on 23.03.2015 and the committee decided to seek the following documents/ information from the State Government of Telangana for further consideration of the proposal.
  - (i) CA land to be provided at one place and adjacent to forest area and map with DGPS readings related to non-forest land proposed for raising compensatory afforestation.
  - (ii) CA Scheme including 7 to 10 years of maintenance to be submitted.
  - (iii) List of species and diameter class wise enumeration of trees in the area proposed for diversion.
  - (iv) Map along with contours showing alternatives examined and justification for the selected alignment.
  - (v) Certificate related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide letter F.No. 11-9/98-Fc (pt)-dated 05.07.2013.
  - (vi) Action taken report against those responsible for the violation of F(C) Act, 1980 in the area proposed for diversion.
3. As per the recommendation of the REC, Regional Office in its letter 4-TSC005/2015-CHN dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 had requested the State Government of Telangana to furnish the above mentioned documents / information for further processing of the proposal.
4. The PCCF, Telangana in his letter No. 1200/2014/FCA-1/TS dated 18.05.2015 and State Govt. of Telangana in its letter No. 1021/For. I (1)/2015-2 dated 02.06.2015 have

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furnished the additional information to the Regional Office, Chennai wherein User Agency has Justified land identified for CA plantation and reported that CA land could not be provided at one place. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bellampally has reported that, as per the records there is no evidence of any action taken against the erring officials of Irrigation department who are responsible for violation of FC Act, 1980.

5. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide letter F.No. 11-9/98-Fc (pt)-dated 05.07.2013 has been furnished.
6. Proposal has been uploaded in the ministry's website.
7. Proposal has been recommended at all levels.

Committee heard the representatives of the User Agency were present during meeting.

**Recommendation of the REC:** The proposal was discussed by the REC and committee has approved the proposal for diversion subject to the following additional conditions in addition to general conditions:-

- a. The State Government of Telangana shall impose penalty for the violation of F(C) Act, 1980 in proposed area for diversion and State Government shall collect an amount of Rs. 6 lakhs towards penal compensatory afforestation by the user agency.
- b. User Agency shall not object to the use of canal water for forest nursery, afforestation, biodiversity conservation activities etc by the Forest Department. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- c. An amount of Rs. 2.456 lakhs towards the raising cost of plantations which are already existing on the forest land proposed for diversion shall be collected by the State Government from the user agency.
- d. The User Agency shall provide 5 crossovers with side railing/wall across the canal to facilitate free movement of animals with a width of not less than 7.5 meters.

Regional Office, Chennai will issue the in-principle (**Stage-I**) approval letter for the above proposal.

**Agenda No.2: Diversion of 6.7612 ha of forest land in Compt. No 502, Chandravelly R.F., Bellampally Division for Medium Irrigation for excavation of D3-Distributory from KM 2.00 to KM. 4.00 of P.P.Rao Project, Bellampally in favour of Executive Engineer, I & CADD, Bellampally Project Division**

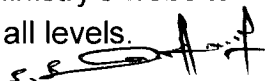
The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -



1. The State Government of Telangana has forwarded a proposal for Diversion of 6.7612 ha of forest land in Compt. No 502, Chandravelly R.F., Bellampally Division for Medium Irrigation for excavation of D3-Distributory from KM 2.00 to KM. 4.00 of P.P.Rao Project, Bellampally in favour of Executive Engineer, I & CADD, Bellampally Project Division and requested to communicate the approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is reserve forest.
3. PP Rao Canal does not falls in national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor etc.
4. No rare no rare/endangered unique species of flora & fauna are found in the area proposed for diversion.
5. No archaeological /heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the forest area proposed for diversion.
6. Committee noted that in Part II of the proposal it has reported that the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Column 2 in part I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. However, in part I User agency proposed for 11.80 ha. Moreover, DFO Bellampally Division in the Part II of the proposal has reported that the area for diversion is 6.7612 ha and at all levels i.e. part III, IV & V the proposal is recommended for diversion of 6.7612 ha.
7. The canal's Major work is completed in unauthorized manner in the Forest area during the year 2004 violating the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Noted that a case has been registered against Sri. S. Ranga Rao, S/o Narsingar Rao, Contractor, R/o Bellampally vide POR No. 7/12 dated 08.11.2004 and another case registered against the following officials.
  - i) Sri. Soleman Raju, MRO Dahegaon
  - ii) Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE I &CADD, MIPC, Bellampally

Noted that, vide POR NO. 22/31 dated 08.11.2004 charge sheet has been filed in the court of Law and it has stated that no violation of work is still in progress.

8. Over 38.887 ha non-forest land in Sy.No 214 of Nambala Village, Rebbana Mandal and Sy.No. 309/2 & 309/3 of Laxmipur Village of Bheemini Mandal of Bellampally Range in lieu of diversion of 38.3705 ha forest land for Peddavagu Jagannathpur Project (31.6093) & P.P.Rao Project (6.7612 ha) in favour of SE, I & CADD, MIPC, Bellampally and Compensatory Afforestation scheme including 8 years of maintenance has been furnished.
9. Certificate related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of rest Rights) Act, 2006 have been furnished along with the proposal.
10. Map of the forest land proposed for diversion along with DGPS readings has been furnished along with the proposal
11. Proposal has been uploaded in the ministry's website.
12. Proposal has been recommended at all levels.



Committee heard the representatives of the User Agency present during meeting.

**Recommendation of the REC:** The proposal was discussed by the REC and the committee has approved the proposal for diversion subject to the following additional conditions in addition to general conditions:-

- a. The State Government of Telangana shall impose penalty for the violation of F(C) Act, 1980 in the proposed area for diversion and State Government shall collect an amount equivalent to NPV to be charged for an area of 6.7612 ha, towards penal compensatory afforestation by the user agency.
- b. User Agency shall not object to the use of canal water for forest nursery, afforestation, biodiversity conservation activities etc by the Forest Department. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- c. The User Agency shall provide two crossovers with side railing/wall across the canal to facilitate free movement of animals with a width of not less than 7.5 meters.

Regional Office, Chennai will issue the in-principle (**Stage-I**) approval letter for the above proposal.

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**Agenda No.3: Diversion of 9.685 ha of forest land in Akkanapet and Gangapur RF of Medak Division for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line between Akannapet-Medak Stations in favour of chief Engineer, S.C. Rly, Secunderbad**

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

1. State Government of Telangana has forwarded the proposal for diversion of 9.685 ha of forest land in Akkanapet and Gangapur RF of Medak Division for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line between Akannapet-Medak Stations in favour of chief Engineer, S.C. Rly, Secunderbad and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. Forest area proposed for diversion is 9.685 ha. (4.884 ha in Medak division, Range Akanapet, Akanapet RF and 4.801 ha in Medak Division, Medak Range, Gangapur RF).
3. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest.
4. Density of the proposed forest land for diversion is 0.2 to 0.3.
5. Species wise enumeration of trees has been furnished and noted that about 6411 trees are required to be removed from the proposed area for diversion.
6. Proposed forest land diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
7. No rare endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion.

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8. No rare endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion.
9. Proposed Forest area is barest minimum area required for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line.
10. No work in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act has been carried out.
11. Over an extent of 19.37 ha (Double the degraded forest land) has been proposed for raising compensatory afforestation plantation in Compt. 139 in RF Shankapur in Medak Forest Division. CA scheme including 7 years of maintenance have been furnished. Total cost of CA including maintenance comes to Rs.157,77,135

12. Proposal has been recommended at all levels

- i) DFO, Medak Division recommended the proposal subject to following conditions:
  - a. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove. Work shall be taken up only during day time i.e., after sunrise to sunset only. No damage shall be done to the vegetation areas/ forest area beyond the area diverted for the purpose.
  - b. The felled material (trees, fuel timber and pulp if any) is the property of the Department and the User Agency shall bear the felling, transportation charges, etc.
  - c. The User Agency shall erect the pillars separating the proposed area for diversion at every 25 Mt with clear visibility on both left and right sides of Railway Line and also on the curves and corners irrespective of distance wherever necessary.
  - d. The NPV, CA, extraction charges and tree value as mentioned below shall be paid by the user agency.

NPV	: Rs. 77,77,055/-
CA	: Rs. 61,22,114/-
Tree Value	: Rs. 8,61,537/-
Extraction Charges	: Rs. 10,16,429/-
Total	<hr/>
	Rs. 1,57,77,135/-

13. Conservator of Forests, Nizamabad Circle in the field inspection report dated 06.05.2015 it has been reported that, while executing the project the railway authorities should consider construction of enough number of bridges for continuance of wild life corridors on either side of railway track. The speed of the trains should also be limited in the reserve Forest areas, so as not to cause any harm to wild life in the forest.
14. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been furnished along with the proposal.






15. Proposal has been uploaded in the ministry's website.


Committee heard the representatives of the User Agency present during meeting.

**Recommendation of the REC:** The proposal was discussed by the REC and the committee has decided to take-up site inspection.

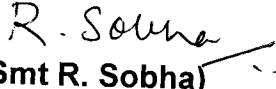
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**State: Tamil Nadu**

**Agenda No.4: Diversion of 11.00 ha. of forest land in Pallipatty Reserved Forest Harur Forest Division in Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Nagapattinam- Dharmapuri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore,**

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposals: -

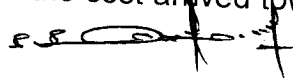
- i) State Government of Tamil Nadu forwarded above mentioned proposal and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii) Above mentioned proposal were considered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) RO, Chennai held on 13.02.2015 and the committee approves the proposal for diversion with the following conditions in addition to the usual conditions for transmission line projects;-
  1. Forest Block map indicating the degraded area selected for Compensatory Afforestation shall be furnished with DGPS readings.
  2. Cost of raising compensatory afforestation over degraded forest and its maintenance for 10 years shall be paid @ Rs.5 lakh per ha. Revised detailed CA scheme duly signed by the DFO along with soil suitability certificate and approved by the Conservator of Forests shall be furnished.
- iii) As per approval of the REC, RO, MoEF& CC, Chennai issued In-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above mentioned proposal with the usual conditions & additional conditions mentioned in para no ii.
- iv) In the letter No. PNMTL/ND/RF/2015 dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2015, CEO/PNMTL, Power Grid NM transmission Ltd, Southern Region, Transmission System-II RHQ, Bangalore made a representation that the cost arrived towards CA is on higher side, with respect to the CA cost being paid elsewhere in the country and requested to review the CA cost.
- v) The subject proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 19.05.2015 and committee advised the State Government of Tamil Nadu to submit the detailed site specific cost estimate for the CA Scheme by assessing the actual cost of raising CA in the forest land.
- vi) The PCCF, Tamil Nadu vide letter number TS3/33949/2013 dated 12.06.2015 has furnished site specific cost estimate for raising CA in the degraded forest land. The proposed unit rate per hectare is Rs. 4.90 lakhs for raising CA plantation & their maintenance for 7 years.

**Recommendation of the REC:** Regional Empowered Committee examined the site specific cost estimate for raising CA in the degraded forest land. Committee approved the proposed unit rate per hectare of Rs. 4.90 lakhs for raising CA plantation & their maintenance for 7 years. Regional Office, Chennai will issue a letter to State Government of Tamil Nadu and intimate the acceptance of the revised cost towards raising CA .i.e. Rs.4.90 lakhs per hectare as proposed by the PCCF (HoFF) Tamil Nadu against Rs.5 lakhs per hectare as stipulated in the in-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded by the Regional Office, Chennai in its letter No. 4-TNC997/2014-BAN/47 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 and intimate to collect cost towards raising CA and its maintenance from the user agency accordingly.

**Agenda No.5:** **Diversion of 12.40 ha. of forest land in Nathahalli RF of Dharmapuri Range and Noolhalli and Reddihalli RF (Dharmapuri) of Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Nagapattinam- Dharmapuri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore.**

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

- (i) State Government of Tamil Nadu forwarded above mentioned proposal and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (ii) Above mentioned proposal were considered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) RO, Chennai held on 13.02.2015 and the committee approves the proposal for diversion with the following conditions in addition to the usual conditions for transmission line projects;-
- (iii) Forest Block map indicating the degraded area selected for Compensatory Afforestation shall be furnished with DGPS readings.
- (iv) Cost of raising compensatory afforestation over degraded forest and its maintenance for 10 years shall be paid @ Rs.5 lakh per ha. Revised detailed CA scheme duly signed by the DFO along with soil suitability certificate and approved by the Conservator of Forests shall be furnished.
- (v) As per approval of the REC, RO, MoEF& CC, Chennai issued In-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above mentioned proposal with the usual conditions & additional conditions mentioned in para no ii.
- (vi) In the letter No. PNMTL/ND/RF/2015 dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2015, CEO/PNMTL, Power Grid NM transmission Ltd, Southern Region, Transmission System-II RHQ, Bangalore made a representation that the cost arrived towards CA is on higher side,



- with respect to the CA cost being paid elsewhere in the country and requested to review the CA cost.
- vii) The subject proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 19.05.2015 and committee advised the State Government of Tamil Nadu to submit the detailed site specific cost estimate for the CA Scheme by assessing the actual cost of raising CA in the forest land.
- viii) The PCCF, Tamil Nadu vide letter number TS3/33950/2013 dated 12.06.2015 has furnished site specific cost estimate for raising CA in the degraded forest land. The proposed unit rate per hectare is Rs. 4.90 lakhs for raising CA plantation & their maintenance for 7 years.

**Recommendation of the REC:** Regional Empowered Committee examined the site specific cost estimate for raising CA in the degraded forest land. Committee approved the proposed unit rate per hectare of Rs. 4.90 lakhs for raising CA plantation & their maintenance for 7 years. Regional Office, Chennai will issue a letter to State Government of Tamil Nadu and intimate the acceptance of revised cost towards raising CA .i.e. Rs.4.90 lakhs per hectare as proposed by the PCCF (HoFF) Tamil Nadu against Rs.5 lakhs per hectare as stipulated in the in-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded by the Regional Office, Chennai in its letter No. 4-TNC996/2014-BAN dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 and intimate to collect cost towards raising CA and its maintenance from the user agency accordingly.

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**Agenda No.6: Diversion of 6.70 ha of Forest Land in Mathikuttai Reserve Forest of Vazhappadi Range for laying of 765 KV D/C transmission line Nagapattinam-Dharmapuri (Salem) by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh**

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

- (i) State Government of Tamil Nadu forwarded above mentioned proposal and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (ii) Above mentioned proposal were considered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) RO, Chennai held on 13.02.2015 and the committee approves the proposal for diversion with the following conditions in addition to the usual conditions for transmission line projects;-


1. Forest Block map indicating the degraded area selected for Compensatory Afforestation shall be furnished with DGPS readings.
2. Cost of raising compensatory afforestation over degraded forest and its maintenance for 10 years shall be paid @ Rs.5 lakhs per ha. Revised detailed CA scheme duly signed by the DFO along with soil suitability certificate and approved by the Conservator of Forests shall be furnished.


- (iii) As per approval of the REC, RO, MoEF& CC, Chennai issued In-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above mentioned proposal with the usual conditions & additional conditions mentioned in para no ii.
- (iv) In the letter No. PNMTL/ND/RF/2015 dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2015, CEO/PNMTL, Power Grid NM transmission Ltd, Southern Region, Transmission System-II RHQ, Bangalore made a representation that the cost arrived towards CA is on higher side, with respect to the CA cost being paid elsewhere in the country and requested to review the CA cost.
- (v) The subject proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 19.05.2015 and committee advised the State Government of Tamil Nadu to submit the detailed site specific cost estimate for the CA Scheme by assessing the actual cost of raising CA in the forest land.
- (vi) The PCCF, Tamil Nadu vide letter number TS3/20753/2013 dated 12.06.2015 has furnished site specific cost estimate for raising CA in the degraded forest land. The proposed unit rate per hectare is Rs. 4.97 lakhs for raising CA plantation & their maintenance for 7 years.

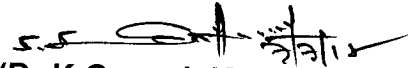
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(Shri.B.S.S.Reddy)  
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