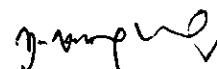


**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai held on 11.08.2015.**

The 8<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 11.08.2015 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),  
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3. Dr.C.N. Rao,  
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East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh ... **Member**
4. Shri.B.S.S.Reddy  
107, White House Apartments,Road No.13,  
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad ... **Member**
5. Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar  
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central) ... **Member-Secretary**  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Regional Office (SEZ), Chennai
6. Smt. R. Sobha,  
Addl.PCCF /Nodal Officer  
Government of Telangana,  
Hyderabad ... **Special Invitee**

At the outset, Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members of REC and special invitee representing the State Government of Telangana. The proposals in the agenda were examined by the Committee. The representatives of the User Agencies present were also heard. Recommendations / decisions of the Committee, based on the deliberations, are as under: -

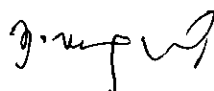


**State: Telangana**

**Agenda No.1: 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 for diversion does not form part of any 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.
8. No protected archeological /heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monuments is located
9. Proposed Forest area is the 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.
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	<u>Rs. 1,57,77,135/-</u>

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.
16. The proposal was considered and discussed by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 07.07.2015 and the committee has decided to take-up site inspection of the area proposed for diversion.
17. As decided by the REC, Site inspection has been carried out by the Additional PCCF(Central), RO, Chennai along with Sri. B.S.S. Reddy, REC members, Smt.R.Sobha, Addl.PCCF (CAMP & FCA), Forest Department, Telangana State, Ms. Shivani Dogra, DCF, Medak and representatives of the user agency on 11.07.2015. Site inspection report has been placed before REC. Committee examined the Site Inspection Report (SIR) dated 11.07.2015.

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

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

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1. Creation of two artificial tanks on either side of the track at different locations, taking catchment area into account, in Akkannapet RF and Gangapur RF to provide water to the wild animals and to prevent them from crossing across the railway track.

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

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**Agenda No.2: 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**

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

1. State Government of Telangana has forwarded the proposal 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 and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. The proposed transmission line is passing through three divisions i.e. Adilabad (24.510 ha), Nirmal (8.97 ha) and Kamareddy (11.327 ha).

**(a) Division: Adilabad (24.510 ha)**

1. Forest area proposed for diversion is 24.510 ha.
2. Purpose wise breakup of the forest area required for diversion is as under:

Sl. No	RF	Compt.No	Length in mts	Width in mts	Area in ha
1	Satnala	362 & 363	1637.69	67	10.9725
2	Harkari	163	170	67	1.139
3	Kaddam	7	280	67	1.876
4	Ranunathpur	74	1570	67	10.519
Total					24.510

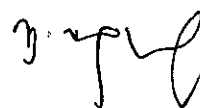
3. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest
4. Density of the proposed forest land for diversion is 0.3.
5. Enumeration list of trees to be felled in the forest land proposed for diversion has been furnished along with the proposal.
6. Proposed forest land for diversion does not form part of any 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.
8. No protected archeological /heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monuments is located
9. DFO, Adilabad Division has reported that requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency i.e. 24.510 ha barest minimum and unavoidable and reported that the route has no alternative and is most optimal in terms of socio economic and environmental angle.
10. The degraded forest land of an area 49.02 ha (i.e. double the area proposed for diversion) is identified in RF Sirikonda Beat / Sirikonda Section / Echoda Range of Adilabad Division for Compensatory Afforestation. CA scheme including 7 years of maintenance has been furnished along with the proposal. In part II of the online application it has reported that the area identified for CA is 50 ha. However in CA scheme it has reported as 49.02 ha.
11. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of rest Rights) Act, 2006 has been furnished along with the proposal. Wherein it has been reported that in the area of an extent of 24.510 ha of forest land proposed for diversion, an extent of 16.340 acres RoFR land pertaining to 16 Scheduled Tribes and the proposal involves recognized rights of STs beneficiaries and Pre-Agricultural Communities. District Collector, Adilabad in his certificate has mentioned that the subject proposal is permitted subject to crop damage compensation eligible amount as per norms
12. Map of the area proposed for diversion and land identified for raising compensatory afforestation has been furnished along with the proposal.

**(b) Division: Kamareddy (11.327 ha)**

1. Forest area proposed for diversion is 11.327 ha.
2. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest
3. Density of the proposed forest land for diversion is 0.2 to 0.3.
4. Enumeration list of trees to be felled in the forest land proposed for diversion has been furnished along with the proposal.
5. Purpose wise breakup of the forest area required for diversion is as under:  
765 KV Double Circuit Transmission Line from Hyderabad to Dichpalli.e  
1690 m length and 67 meters width.
6. Proposed forest land for diversion does not form part of any 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.
8. No protected archeological /heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monuments is located.
9. DFO, Kamareddy Division has reported that requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and the barest minimum.



10. In Part II of the proposal it has mentioned that 25.30 ha in Erraphad Section, Range Yellareddy Comp. No. 711 -712 has identified for CA. However, CA Scheme uploaded in the online application it has reported that an area of 22.654 for CA. In PCCF, Telangana letter No. 5046/2014/FCA-3 dated 22.06.2015 it has reported that degraded Forest land i.e. double the area proposed for diversion of an area of 23 ha is identified at Compt. No. 713/Mothe Beat/Erraphad Section/ Yellareddy range.

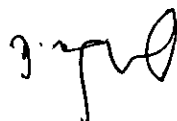
CA scheme including 7 years of maintenance has been furnished along with the proposal.

11. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of rest Rights) Act, 2006 has been furnished along with the proposal. However, Annexure II as mentioned in the certificate has not been furnished along with the proposal.

12. Map of the area proposed for diversion and land identified for raising compensatory afforestation has been furnished along with the proposal.

**(c) Division: Nirmal Division (8.97 ha)**

1. Forest area proposed for diversion is 8.97 ha.
2. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest
3. Density of the proposed forest land for diversion is 0.5.
4. Enumeration list of trees to be felled in the forest land proposed for diversion has been furnished along with the proposal.
5. Purpose wise breakup of the forest area required for diversion is as under:  
1.34 Kms length and 67 mts width.
6. DFO, Nirmal Division reported that area proposed for diversion is of moderately to steep terrain and is vulnerable to erosion.
7. Proposed forest land for diversion does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
8. No rare endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion.
9. No protected archeological /heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monuments is located.
10. DFO, Nirmal has reported that the User Agency has proposed only 5.69 ha of land for diversion in col.2 of part I with length as 850 mts and width as 67 mts. on inspection as per demarcation on ground and DGPS map noticed that the length of the proposed 765 KV transmission line is 1.34 kms ad width is 67.00 mts and recommended the total area for diversion is 8.97 ha.
11. The degraded forest land of an area 18 ha (i.e. double the area proposed for diversion) is identified at Compt.No. 954, BandalKhanapur Beat, Ponkal Section, Mamda Range in Ammda RF for Compensatory Afforestation. CA scheme including 7 years of maintenance has been furnished.



12. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of rest Rights) Act, 2006 has been furnished along with the proposal. Wherein it has reported that in the area of an extent of 8.97 ha of forest land proposed for diversion and extent of 1.96 acres RoFR land pertaining to 2 Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries and the proposal involves recognized rights of STs beneficiaries and Pre-Agricultural Communities. District Collector, Adilabad in his certificate has mentioned that the subject proposal is permitted subject to crop damage compensation eligible amount as per norms.
13. Map of the area proposed for diversion and land identified for raising compensatory afforestation has been furnished along with the proposal.
14. User Agency has furnished map of the alternative examined during the REC meeting.

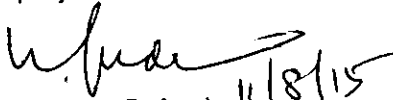
State Government of Telangana recommended the subject proposal for diversion of 44.807 in PART V and same is uploaded in the Ministry's website. Proposal has been uploaded in the ministry's website and proposal has submitted through online mode.


**Recommendation of the REC:** Committee has examined the proposal and approved the proposal subject to the submission of the following documents / information:

1. Certificates from the competent authority regarding documentary evidence, as stipulated in the Ministry's guidelines regarding process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Others Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been initiated and completed for an area of 24.510 ha in Adilabad Division and 8.97 ha in Nirmal Division.
2. Annexure II as mentioned in the RoFR certificate pertaining to Kamareddy Division (11.327 ha).

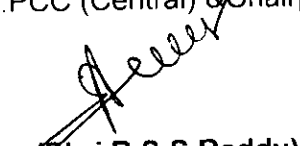
After receipt of the above documents / information, Regional office, Chennai shall issue in-principle **(Stage-I)** approval letter for the above proposal subject to the following additional conditions in addition to general conditions:-


1. User Agency shall carryout mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion at the project cost.

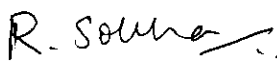
  
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