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Dated:- 03/09/2024

Bhadra, Saka, 1946

To,
Shri Nitin Agarwal,
Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Limited,
DB Marg Miramar,
Panaji Goa.

Sub:- Application for private tree cutting permission for 94 Nos. of trees
w.r. to construction of 400 KV Xeldem-Mapusa Transmission Line in
North Goa under GPTA, 1984.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dtd. 01/08/2024 on the cited above subject permission of Forest Department is hereby conveyed for felling of 94 Nos. of trees for construction of 400 kv D/C Xeldem (Sangod)-Mapusa Transmission Line. The proposal is pertaining to different Sy. Nos. in Amona village Bicholim taluka, subject to following Terms and Conditions:-

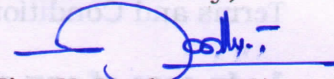
- 1. In case of any claim/litigation about the ownership of the trees/land in question, the user agency will be solely responsible.**
2. Since the proposal is for transmission line project as per the provision of Electricity Act, 2003, it is the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that land owners are informed and compensation as applicable are paid before executing felling/pruning of trees.
3. The cutting/pruning of tree shall be carried out after receipt of all other statutory permissions from competent authority, as applicable.
4. Date of beginning for felling/pruning of trees are to be intimated to Range Forest Officers, Keri well in advance.
- 5. A separate register showing details of felling (like tree No, number of logs made out of each tree etc.) needs to be maintained by the user agency. The same shall be produced to the officer inspecting the site.**
6. To compensate the loss, User Agency/Applicant is hereby advised to plant tall saplings with good endurance with minimum 8-10 feet height and 10 cm diameter at 1 mtr. Height from ground level.

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7. UA shall try transplantation of the trees intended to be removed as far as practical under supervision of Forest Department and Goa Biodiversity Board.
8. UA shall ensure three times re-planting of mixed species (i.e., 94 x 3 =282 nos.) of plants as per suitability of site, in consultation with Forest Department and Goa Biodiversity Board and subsequent maintenance for a period of 5 years from the year of planting. UA shall also ensure planting and maintenance (for 5 years) of at least equivalent number of coconut trees as being removed, apart from the above.
9. Permission to fell trees on ground shall be subject to the outcome of the petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa (PIL WP No. 1407 of 2024).
10. **The actual tree felling shall be carried out after 30 days from the date of issue of this permission. As per the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa Panaji order dated 08/07/2021 in the case Public Interest Litigation Writ Petition No. 8 of 2021 of Living Heritage Foundation v/s State of Goa.**

User Agency has paid Rs. 14,10,000/- towards Security Deposit vide UTR No. IDFBR52024090200481662 dated 02/09/2024 and Rs. 94,000/- towards tree felling fee vide UTR No. IDFBH24246083712 dated 02/09/2024 of IDFC Bank, Panaji Branch in Favor of "Tree Protection Fund-Goa" and the amount of Security Deposit is refundable on compliance of replantation of 282 Nos. of trees.

Yours faithfully,


(Jiss K. Varkey, IFS)
Dy. Conservator of Forests,
North Goa Division,
Ponda -Goa.

Encl.:- List of trees.

Copy to :-

1. The Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Member Secretary, State Tree Authority for information please.
2. The Member Secretary, Goa State Bio Diversity Board, c/o Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Opposite Seminary, Saligao Bardez Goa for information.
3. The Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Mapusa for information.
4. The Range Forest Officer, Keri, for information and necessary action.

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"Towards Greener & Cleaner Goa".**