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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(IA-III Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110 003,

Dated: 12th August, 2010

To,
The Superintending Engineer,
Electricity Department,
Andaman & Nicobar Administration,
Port Blair - 744 101

Subject: CRZ clearance for construction and rectification double circuit 33 KV transmission lines evacuating power supply from 20 MW IPP, South Andaman to Port Blair by Electricity Department, Port Blair- Reg.

This has reference to your letter No: EL/works/4/1440 dated 19.04.2010 seeking prior CRZ Clearance under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991. The proposal has been appraised as per prescribed procedure in the light of provisions under the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 on the basis of the mandatory documents enclosed with the application viz., the recommendation of Andaman & Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority, HTL and LTL demarcation map and the additional clarifications furnished in response to the observations of the Expert Appraisal Committee constituted by the competent authority in its meetings held on 28th - 29th June 2010.

2. It is interalia, noted that the proposal involves reconstruction of the damaged 33 KVD double circuit overhead transmission line due to Tsunami along with construction of new 33 KV Double circuit line on 66 KV tower between 20 MW IPP Bambooflat Power House to Chathan Power House. CRZ clearance was issued by the Ministry for the existing 33 KV double circuit overhead transmission line vide letter no. J-17011/14/2001-IA-III dated 22.08.2001. The tie line over sea was snapped at 4 locations and many polls/towers were earthquake/ Tsuanmi. Now, the proposal includes the rectification of damaged cable is planned for about 6.101 km by replacement of poles by providing 7 Nos. of towers in sea bed. New construction will be for 15.172 kms including erection of 4 Nos. of towers on land and 12 Nos. of four pole towers & 22 Nos. pile foundation on sea bed. The height of transmission towers will be between 20.725 m & 22.190 m and will be erected on 8 x 8 mtrs pile foundation. The cost of the project is Rs. 26.09 crores. The Corals are located about 500 m away from the proposed site and the present alignment will not damage the corals or marine flora and fauna. Mangrove trees are present 300-500 m away from the proposed alignment. No seaweed beds are witnessed along the proposed electrical transmission line alignment.



3. Andaman & Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority in its meeting held on 1st April 2010 recommended the proposal for the issue of CRZ Clearance vide letter no. CF/EPA/1/Vol.-X/27 dated 13.04.2010.

4. The Expert Appraisal Committee, after due consideration of the relevant documents submitted by the project proponent and additional clarifications furnished in response to its observations, have recommended for the grant of CRZ Clearance for the project. Accordingly, the Ministry hereby accords necessary CRZ Clearance for the above project as per the provisions of CRZ Notification, 1991 and its subsequent amendments, subject to strict compliance of the terms and conditions as follows:

5 SPECIFIC CONDITIONS :

- i. No construction work other than those permitted in Coastal Regulation Zone Notification shall be carried out in Coastal Regulation Zone area.
- ii. There shall be no withdrawal of ground water in CRZ area, for this project.

6. GENERAL CONDITIONS :

- (i) Adequate provision for infrastructure facilities including water supply fuel and sanitation must be ensured for construction workers during the construction phase of the project to avoid any damage to the environment.
- (ii) Appropriate measures must be taken while undertaking digging activities to avoid any likely degradation of water quality.
- (iii) Full support shall be extended to the officers of this Ministry/Regional Office at Bhubaneswar by the project proponent during inspection of the project for monitoring purposes by furnishing full details and action plan including action taken reports in respect of mitigation measures and other environmental protection activities.
- (iv) Ministry of Environment & Forests or any other competent authority may stipulate any additional conditions or modify the existing ones, if necessary in the interest of environment and the same shall be complied with.
- (v) The Ministry reserves the right to revoke this clearance if any of the conditions stipulated are not complied with the satisfaction of the Ministry.
- (vi) In the event of a change in project profile or change in the implementation agency, a fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry of Environment and Forests.



- (vii) The project proponents shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- (viii) A copy of the clearance letter shall be marked to concern Panchayat/local NGO, if any, from whom any suggestion / representation have been made, received while processing the proposal.
- (ix) Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Board shall display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industries Centre and Collector's Office/Tehsildar's office for 30 days.

7. The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local Newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which shall be in the vernacular language informing that the project has been accorded Environmental Clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://www.envfor.nic.in>. The advertisement should be made within 10 days from the date of receipt of the Clearance letter and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional office of this Ministry at Bhubaneswar.

8. Any appeal against this Clearance shall lie with the National Environment Appellate Authority, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 11 of the National Environment Appellate Act, 1997.

9. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the company by the proponent.



(Bharat Bhushan)
Director (IA-III)

12.08.2010

Copy to:

- 1 The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment and Forests, Andaman
- 2 The Chairman, CPCB, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32.
- 3 Chairman, Andaman & Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration, Chatham, Port Blair - 744 102

- 4 The Chairman, A & N Islands Pollution Control Committee Van Sadan, Port Blair-744 102
- 5 The Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Regional Office, (EZ), A/3, Chandrasekharpur PO Rail Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751023
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