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ABSTRACT

TransGrid 2.0 - Implementation of North Green Energy Corridor project - Construction of 125km, 400kV Double Circuit line from Karindalam, Kasaragod to Payyampally, Wayanad - Protests of land owners demanding higher compensation - Suggestion to Government - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

Corporate Office (SBU-T)

BO (FTD)No.381/2023(DIRTSO-AE5/2022/2632)

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 08.08.2023

Read: 1. Proceedings dated 04.03.2022 (File No. DCKSGD/5827/2020/D5) of the District Collector, Kasaragod.
2. Letter No. DIRTSO-AE1/2022/2808(2) dated 09.01.2023 of the Director (T,SO,P&S) to the Additional Chief Secretary (Power).
3. Note No.DIRTSO-AE5/2022/2632 (1) dated 20.06.2023 of the Director (Transmission, System Operation & Planning) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda Item No. 11/07/23).

ORDER

The construction of 125 km, 400 kV Double Circuit line from Payyampally, Wayanad to Karindalam, Kasaragod is awarded to M/s L&T Ltd on turnkey basis for an amount of Rs.439 Crore on 19.04.2022 with a completion period of 36 months. This is the first 400kV line project implemented by KSEBL entirely through a new Right of Way, and is spreading across Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod districts. This 400 kV line will serve as the backbone transmission network in north Kerala. As this line is further connected to 400 kV Mysore-Areekode line, it will be a critical link of Southern Region power system when the 400 kV Uduppi-Kasaragod ISTS line is completed.

The compensation to land owners in connection with the construction of transmission lines is being paid by KSEBL as per the prevailing Board Orders adopting the MoP Guidelines dated 15.10.2015 and 16.07.2020. ie. amount equivalent to 85% of the fair value of land as tower foot compensation, amount equivalent to 15% of the fair value of land as RoW compensation and an additional compensation up to 15% of the land value in notified urban areas, in addition to the compensation towards normal crop and tree cutting damages. In the case of Wayanad-Kasaragod 400 kV line also, the compensation components were arrived at in accordance with the prevailing Orders and KSEBL has proceeded with the construction activities to the maximum extent possible. In all the three districts, notices were served to land owners intimating the commencement of construction works. But land owners are not allowing construction activities demanding enhanced compensation for the affected area. Several rounds of discussions were conducted with the participation of MLA's and local body representatives. The field officers had

already appraised the public about the necessity of the proposed transmission system and about the prevailing guidelines for claiming land compensation, but the land owners stick to their demand for enhanced compensations.

In the case of construction of Uduppi-Kasaragod line by M/s UKTL, due to the protests from land owners demanding higher compensation, the District Magistrate Kasaragod had ordered a special compensation package as per Order read as 1st above, in which the compensation for tower footing area is fixed as 85% of two times the fair value of land. Since the land owners are not willing to accept the same and continue with their protests the District Collector has requested the Government to take appropriate decision regarding the compensation to be paid to the land owners. Based on the Government direction to formulate and submit a special package for Uduppi-Kasaragod 400kV line, KSEBL had submitted a proposal to Government as per letter read as 2nd above suggesting that the special rate ordered by the District Collector, Kasaragod for giving 85% of two times the fair value of land as compensation for tower standing area may be adopted as a special package. Also, to give 15% of two times the fair value of land for the right of way corridor.

Since the issues related to the construction of line and the protests from land owners are similar in both Uduppi-Kasaragod and Wayanad-Kasaragod projects, a suggestion, that the criteria used in fixing the compensation for Uduppi-Kasaragod 400 kV line may be adopted for Wayanad-Kasaragod 400kV line also and to request Government of Kerala for considering the two cases together to take an appropriate decision, is proposed and the matter is placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 3rd above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 26.07.2023,

Resolved that the criteria proposed by KSEBL to Government for fixing the compensation to affected land owners as 85% of two times the fair value of land for tower foot area and 15% of two times the fair value of land for the right of way corridor in the case of construction of Uduppi-Kasaragod 400 kV line by M/s UKTL, be made applicable for fixing the compensation in the case of construction of Kasaragod-Wayanad 400 kV line in North Green Corridor project under TransGrid.

Further resolved to request to the Government to consider the two cases together and take an appropriate decision on the compensation package.

Orders are issued accordingly.

**By Order of the
Full Time Directors**

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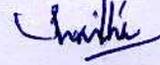
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Company Secretary**

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