

## KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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## **Abstract**

Grid Tied Ground Mounted Solar PV Power plants at Brahmapuram, Kanjikode and Agali owned by KSEBL with total installed capacity of 8 MWp (4MWp-Brahmapuram, 3MWp-Kanjikode and,1MWp-Agali)- Tree cutting at Brahmapuram -- Land for compensatory afforestation- reg.

CORPORATE OFFICE (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings)

B.O (FTD) No. 445 / 2021 (CE(REES)/CP/BAK/2020-2021 Thiruvananthapuram

Dated 16 -06-2021

Read:1 L.O.A No. 06/2019-20 dated 23.11.2019.

- 2. Agreement No.14/19-20 dated 20.01.2020.
- 3. Letter No. DB02/BDPP/Solar/20-21/1053 dated 23-10-2020 of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Brahmapuram
- 4. Letter No.BDPP/DB 02/Solar/20-21/1538 dated: 16.01.2021 of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Brahmapuram
- 5.Letter No. CI&CC/TA/GEN/2020/674 dated 01-02-2021 of the Chief Engineer (Civil- Investigation & Construction Central)
- 6. Letters No.BDPP/DB 02/Solar/21-22 dated 20.04.2021 and 07-05-2021 of the Executive Engineer Transmission Division, Brahmapuram
- 7. Minutes of meeting convened by the Director(Planning, Safety& REES) held on 26-05-2021
- 8. Letter No.BDPP/DB Solar/21-22/275 dated 28.05.2021 of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Brahmapuram addressed to the Assistant Forest Conservator Social Forestry Division Ernakulam
- 9. Letter of the Assistant Forest Conservator Social Forestry Division Ernakulam dated 01-06-2021
- 10. Note No CE (REES)/ CP/BAK/2020\*2021 dated 09.06.2021 of the Chief Engineer (REES) (Agenda Item No. 28/6/21)

## <u>ORDER</u>

The three projects at Agali(1MW), Kanjikode (3 MW) and Brahmapuram (4 MW) were clubbed together and single tender was invited for the 3 sites and the subject work was awarded to M/s Inkel Ltd. as per the Letter of Award read as 1<sup>st</sup>

above and agreement executed on 20.01.2020. The works started at Agalli & Kanjikode sites and are in progress. Work cannot be started at Brahmapurana as trees are to be cut and removed from the site.

Total land available for the Brahmapuram (4 MW) project is 23 Acres in the existing BDPP site. Forest sanction for 0.5 MW at Part B area obtained and tree cutting completed and removed. Forest clearance is to be obtained for 0.5 MW at Part C area, 0.5 MW at Part D area and 2.5 MW at Part E area. 1422 trees are to be cut from Part C area, Part D area and Part E area. By the resolution of District Tree Committee held on 06-01-2021, the Range Forest Officer, Social Forestry informed that an affidavit has to be submitted to the Forest Department as agreement to plant 10 times saplings against the number of trees removed from the site along with the details of land where the saplings have to be planted. The Social Forestry Department will complete the valuation of trees only after providing the land details for planting 14220 number of trees. The Chief Engineer (C-I &CC) has been requested to furnish the details of KSEBL land available which can be spared for the above purpose.

The Chief Engineer (C-I &CC) as per letter read as 5th above informed that KSEBL had identified over 100 Ha of land to be surrendered back to Forest Department from various project areas left un utilized based on the decision of the High Level Empowered Committee. The legal status of such land is forest. From the land identified for surrender back to Forest Department .51.30 ha land is available at Lower Periyar Hydro Electric Project (letter No. RDSD4/DB-23/Land/2019-20/23 dated 04-04-2019) and from this, 10 ha of land is selected as the land for compensatory afforestation for the Brahmapuram project. The Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Brahmapuram, as per letter read as 8th above informed the Social Forestry Department about this land for compensatory afforestation and in response to that the Assistant Forest Conservator as per letter read as 9 th above informed that an affidavit has to be prepared and an agreement executed with the Forest Department showing the details of land for planting the saplings in lieu of trees to be cut and removed. The Social Forestry Department will complete the valuation of trees to be removed only after executing the agreement. An affidavit is prepared by the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Brahmapuram to plant 14220 saplings in 10 Ha of land available at Lower Periyar project area in lieu of trees to be cut and removed.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per the note read as 10<sup>th</sup> above. Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on11/06/2021, resolved to accord sanction

To allot the 10 ha of land ,from 51.30 Ha of land identified at Lower Periyar Hydro Electric Project for surrender back to Forest Department, as the land for compensatory afforestation to the Social Forestry Division, Ernakulam in lieu of

the trees to be cut from the Brahmapuram project area and to approve the affidavit accordingly.

Further resolved to approve the affidavit in this regard and to authorise the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Brahmapuram to execute the affidavit.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

Sd/- '

LEKHA.G.
COMPANY SECRETARY-in-charge

To: The Chief Engineer (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings)

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Assistant Executive Engineer