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To,

The Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 1.85 ha of forest land in Seethakonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for relaying of Visakha Valley School from NH-16 Junction to beach road, Visakhapatnam, in favour of Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA) -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.EFS01-12021-35/Section-II/2018 dated 11.06.2018 and online proposal No. FP/AP/ROAD/30975/2017 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 06.07.2018. The State Government's letter No.EFS01-12021-35/Section-II/2018 dated 08.03.2021 and EFS01-12021-35/Section-II/2018 dated 16.12.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.85 ha of forest land in Seethakonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for relaying of Visakha Valley School from NH-16 Junction to beach road, Visakhapatnam, in favour of Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency;

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- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over **1.85 ha** of non-forest area in Sy No 82/2 of Gudilova Village from the amount which has already realized from the User Agency;
- (iv) Transferred and mutated non-forest land (identified for raising compensatory afforestation) in favour of the State Forest Department and shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act within 6 months from the date of Stage-II clearance and shall send a copy of the original notification to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada;
- (v) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- (vi) The user agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (vii) The construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- (viii) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- (ix) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area proposed;
- (x) The User Agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and also on the central verge at the project cost and maintain the same for 10 years;
- (xi) There shall be speed breakers on the road within the wildlife areas / Wildlife crossings, along with signage boards at frequent intervals to be constructed at the project cost;

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- (xii) **No tree shall be felled in the diverted forest area;**
- (xiii) **The user agency shall obtain CRZ clearance from the competent authority before execution of the project, if required;**
- (xiv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xv) The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
- (xvi) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (xvii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **1.85 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xviii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xix) User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xx) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
- (xxi) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Visakhapatnam Forest Division in SI No 12 (v) (a) of part II i.e 44.31 ha of non-forest land and 469.00 ha of forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada;

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(xxii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions made in FCA, 1980 and rules / guidelines framed thereunder.

Yours faithfully,



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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