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To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh. Secretariat, Hyderabad- 500 022.

Subject: Diversion of 4.42 ha forest land in Damarasingi RF for excavation of Tunnel under Tharakarama Thirtha Sagaram Reservoir project, in favour of Executive Engineer, T.R.T.S. Division Vizianagaram -reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.76/For. I (1)/2015-1 dated 24.06.2015 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest area in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 4.42 ha forest land in Damarasingi RF for excavation of Tunnel under Tharakarama Thirtha Sagaram Reservoir project, in favour of Executive Engineer, T.R.T.S. Division Vizianagaram, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 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 by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost before Stage II approval.
3. The compensatory afforestation work & its maintenance shall be carried out by the State Forest Department in the entire identified non forest land over 4.42 ha in Sy. No1., Kumili Village, Vizianagaram District at the project cost.

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4. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over identified non forest land shall be deposited by the User Agency.
5. The entire identified non-forest land for CA in Sy. No.1, Kumili Village, Vizianagaram District shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department before issue of stage-II approval.
6. Identified CA land shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. Revised CA scheme which includes fencing of non forest land shall be furnished along with compliance report.
7. **State Government shall furnish "No Objection Certificate" from the Archeological Department if during the execution of the project, the distance is found within 300 mtrs of the Archeological remains.**
8. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 4.42 ha from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
9. Additional amount of 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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
10. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. **The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website**
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
12. User agency shall ensure that the labourers, staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora and fauna.
13. User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas.

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14. User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFO, Vizianagarm Division.
15. User agency shall carryout mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion at the project cost.
16. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
17. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sub leased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
18. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.42 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
19. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Government of India shall be complied with by the User Agency.
20. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai 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.
21. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly.
22. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)



Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 1
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The Deputy Secretary, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Executive Engineer, Tharakarama Thirtha Sagaram Reservoir Project, T.R.T.S. Division, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh.
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