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Date 23rd January 2023

To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: Diversion of 0.0468 Ha of forest land in Medchal division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medchal District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited.-Reg

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 3407/For.I(1)/2022 dated 13.07.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/153136/2022 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 28.07.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 3407/For.I(1)/2022 dated 15.11.2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government and noticing the satisfactory compliance of the stipulated conditions, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **Formal approval** (Stage-II) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for re-diversion of **0.0468 ha** of forest land in Medchal division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medchal District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
- As per the prevailing guidelines for re-diversion of forest land, the primary user agency shall not levy any fee/ charges from the new user agency for the use of the forest land.
- 4. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

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- 5. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 8. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 11. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 12. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 13. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 14. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- 16. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

Yours faithfully,

Dr.D.Manjunatha

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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