

No. 4-TSB320/2022-HYD
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Sub-Office, 6th Floor, Aranya Bhavan,
Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana.

Date: February 2025

To.

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

Subject: Diversion of 3.8561 Ha of forest land in Asifabad division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Asifabad division of Komarambheem Asifabad District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited –Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government Letter No. 5142/For.I(1)/2022 dated 19.10.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/145010/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the above-mentioned project. The project was accorded *in-principle* approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter of even no. dated 14.03.2024. The State Government vide Letter No. 5142/For.I(1)/2022 dated 08.11.2024 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the *in-principle* approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's Formal Approval (Stage-II) under Section '2' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the diversion of 3.8561 Ha of forest land in Asifabad division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Asifabad division of Komarambheem Asifabad District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited subject to following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO/DCF concerned. **The forest land shall not be handed over to the UA till the demarcation of the forest land diverted is not completed on the field by the concerned DFO/SFD.**
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the identified 8.00 ha of degraded forest land (Compartment No. 225, Chichupally Beat & Section of Manikgarh RF, Asifabad Range, Komarambheem Asifabad District) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided
4. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in

advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

5. The identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
6. The additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
7. The state government and the user agency shall comply with all the prescribed conditions in NBWL approval.
8. The wildlife mitigation plan duly approved by the NBWL/SBWL/CWLW shall be implemented by the State Government at the cost of the user agency.
9. There shall not be any tree felling in the diverted forest land by the User Agency. In case any trees are to be felled, applicable NPV shall be collected from the UA.
10. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA account of the state only through e-portal.
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13. As the proposed area falls within the Tiger Reserve, the field work shall be carried out only after the sun rise and shall be closed before sun set every day.
14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
15. The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meters below the ground and after lying down of the cable, the ground shall be leveled.
16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
17. 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.
18. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline. 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.
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20. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
21. The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to this office.
22. **The User Agency shall provide CA-NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.**

Yours faithfully

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