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To

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

Subject: Diversion of forest land to an extent of 1.3105 ha passing through various RFs of WLM Nagarjunasagar forest division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T- Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad.–Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government Letter No. 1774/For.I(1)/2022 dated 24.05.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/142849/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of 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 27.09.2022. The State Government vide Letter No. No. 1774/For.I(1)/2022 dated 23.11.2024 (uploaded in PARIVESH Portal on 30.01.2025) have 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 diversion of forest land to an extent of 1.3105 ha passing through various RFs of WLM Nagarjunasagar forest division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T- Fiber Project in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad 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. **SFD should complete the demarcation of the forest land diverted from the money received for this purpose from the user agency before the forest land is actually handed over to the User Agency for execution of field work.**

3. Compensatory afforestation may be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.621 ha degraded forest land identified in Compartment No.72, RF-Nellikai, Range-Nagarjunasagar, Division- Nagarjunasagar, at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
4. The identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
5. Further, CA is proposed within the Tiger Reserve area, *this area is acceptable only if there is a provision for raising plantation within the TR as per the approved Management Plan of the TR. If not, the state government shall identify another location for raising CA and the scheme shall be accordingly modified and approval taken from the Regional Office.*
6. 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. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department, if any trees are to be felled in the proposed area of diversion.
8. Since the proposed forest diversion is within a Protected Area/Tiger Reserve, the State Government and user agency must comply with all the conditions stipulated by the SC-NBWL in its 72nd meeting. Wildlife mitigation measures stipulated in the approval of SC-NBWL shall be complied with fully.
9. 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.
10. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13. As the proposed area falls within PA/TR, the field work shall be done 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 forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
16. 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.
17. The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meters below the ground and after laying down of the cable, the ground shall be leveled to its natural ground level.
18. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time

being in force, as applicable to the project;

19. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Regional Office, Chennai/Sub Office, Hyderabad (Central) 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;
20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
21. The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and
22. The compliance report on the above conditions shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) by the user agency/ SFD.
23. **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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