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## F.No.4-TSC182/2021-HYD/ /35

प्रति/To,

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

विषय/Subject: Proposal for regularization of 8.02 ha of forest area in Saidulnama RF of Suryapet Division for establishing part of the railway siding and associated activities and other permanent structures in Suryapet District in favour of M/s Deccan Cements Limited (DCL), Hyderabad- Revised Stage-I approval order-Reg.

महोदया/Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 1632/For.I(1)/2020 dated 22.04.2021 and online Proposal No FP/TG/RAIL/138554/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the abovementioned project. With the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry, the project was accorded *in-principle approval (Stage-I)* by the Central Government vide letter dated 30.07.2021. The State Government vide letter No.1632/For.I(1)/2021 dated 17.06.2022 and No. 1632/For.I(1)/2021 dated 29.10.2022 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 with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **Formal approval** (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion (regularization) of **8.02 ha** of forest area in Saidulnama RF of Suryapet Division for part of the railway siding established, associated activities and other permanent structures in Suryapet District in favour of M/s Deccan Cements Limited (DCL), Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The State Forest Department(SFD) shall take up Compensatory Afforestation over 8.98 ha of non-forest area identified and handed over to the SFD in Sy.No. 195/7, 209, 211/1/2, 211/2/2, 211/3/2, 211/a/2, 211/4/2, 211/6/2 and 211/7/2 of Charakonda (Village and Mandal) from the amount already been realized from the User Agency.
- 3. The State Forest Department shall declare the entire extent of non-forest area transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of CA

as Reserved Forest/ Protected Forest under the provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the State Forest Act within six (6) months from the date of issue of Stage II approval and send a copy of the original Notification to this office without fail.

- 4. The approved CA land and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 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.
- 6. The State Forest Department shall carry out Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA) over 17 ha of degraded forest area identified in Compt.No.9, Ramavaram RF, Pengadapa beat, Musalivarre (W), Ramavaram Range with a financial outlay of Rs.120.3289 lakhs as per the proposed PCA Scheme.
- 7. The State Forest Department shall implement the wildlife mitigation plan approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- 8. The State Forest Department shall carry out the erection of the Boundary Pillars throughout the entire boundary of Saidulanama RF from the amount already realized from the user agency, to ease any further discrepancies.
- 9. User Agency shall maintain the 4 ft height parapet wall constructed towards the Forest Boundary all along the length of the forest land diversion;
- 10. Trees standing within 8.02 ha of forest land shall not be felled by the User Agency.
- 11. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 12. The User Agency shall take prior approval of GoI for any new non-forestry activity within the 8.02 ha forest land diverted in this proposal.
- 13. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 15. 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.



- 16. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **8.02 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- 17. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 18. Complete compliance with FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of a prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 19. The user agency shall submit a yearly compliance report on the conditions imposed to the State Forest Department and the IRO, Hyderabad.
- 20. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance with all the acts, rules, regulations and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
- 21. 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.
- 22. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to a violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and deemed fit action will be taken.

Yours faithfully

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- 1. The IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, New Delhi for information, please.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CEO, CAMPA), Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
- 4. Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004
- 5. M/s Deccan Cements Limited, 6-3-666/B Somajiguda, Nalgonda District, Telangana-500082 venkat.s@deccancements.com

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