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Date 04<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 25.8435 ha of forest area for Construction of Railway line from Manuguru railway station to Bhadradri Thermal power station in Bhadradri Kothagudem district in favour of TSGENCO -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No 4294/For.I(1)/2019 dated 14.12.2019 and online application No. FP/TG/RAIL/34880/2018, seeking prior approval of the Government of India for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) and after careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey the in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval of the Government of India under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 25.8435 ha of forest area for Construction of Railway line from Manuguru railway station to Bhadradri Thermal power station in Bhadradri Kothagudem district in favour of TSGENCO, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department in non forest land identified over an extent of **18.7191 ha** in Sy No 28 of Ulavachelka Village, Allapalli Mandal of Kinnerasani Division and **6.4311 ha & 1.5256 ha** in Sy Nos 1 & 2 of Sambayagudem Village of Manuguru Mandal of Manuguru Division and degraded forest area identified over an extent of **6 ha** in Comp No 208 of Nellipaka B RF of Eravendi Beat and Section of Ashwapuram Range and **18.6235 ha** in Compt No.55 of Markode RF of Kichenapally (S) Beat and Markode Section of WLM Regella Range, at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a

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mixture of local, indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;

4. The entire non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation i.e. **18.7191 ha** in Sy No 28 of Ulavachelka Village, Allapalli Mandal of Kinnerasani Division and **6.4311 ha & 1.5256 ha** in Sy No 1 & 2 of Sambayagudem Village of Manuguru Mandal of Manuguru Division shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act, shall be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 25.8435 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard;
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. The 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;
8. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>)
9. The User Agency shall submit the R&R plan approved and settled by the District Collector to the evictees;
10. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the forest areas;
11. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;

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12. Except the broad gauge railway line, no other structures shall be constructed. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
13. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
15. 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;
16. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
17. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
18. The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;
19. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
20. The RoFR certificate for the proposed degraded Forest Land (DFL) identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall also be submitted;
21. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of User Agency;
22. The Cost Benefit (C:B) ratio shall suitably be calculated and furnished to the Regional Office;
23. In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wild animals, especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals;
24. Appropriate soil conservation measures shall be taken to reduce the silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impact on the water bodies nearby, if any;

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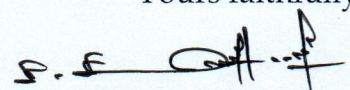
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25. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **25.8435 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
26. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation , Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
27. Any other condition that the DDGF (Central), 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;
28. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Rules and guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, in this regard;
- 29. No working permission shall be issued by the State Government before compliance of the above conditions including the settlement of R&R plan.**

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval may be revoked as per the rules.

Yours faithfully

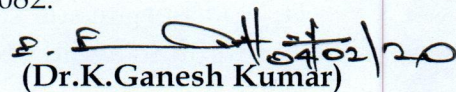


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2. The Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TSGENCO), Vidyut Soudhan, Khairtabad, Hyderabad, Telangana 500082.
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