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

Sub: Diversion of 0.6228 ha of forest land for laying approach road to the proposed Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) treatment and disposal facility of GHMC at Nallavelly (V), Nallavelly RF, Sangareddy Dist., in favour of Superintending Engineer (SWM), GHMC, Hyderabad.-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos. 39/For.I(1)/2022 dated 24.01.2022 and 39/For.I(1)/2022 dated 07.04.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/46627/2020 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 05.05.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 39/For.I(1)/2022 dated 08.03.2023 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 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.6228 ha** of forest land for laying of approach road to the proposed Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) treatment and disposal facility of GHMC at Nallavelly(V), Nallavelly RF, Sangareddy Dist., in favour of Superintending Engineer (SWM), GHMC, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the State Forest Department from the amount claimed to be realized from the User Agency and **report** compliance within a month from the date of issue of this letter. Forest land shall not be handed over to the user agency till the demarcation is completed and compliance reported to the central government.
- iii. COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION
 - a. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation in the identified degraded forest land over an extent of **3.20 ha** in Kodakanchi Reserve

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Forest of Sangareddy Range, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.

- b. Degraded forest land identified for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- v. While constructing the road, measures to provide seamless movement of wild animals shall be ensured by way of constructing one under pass of 10-15 feet long and 5-6 feet height at the cost of the project. The user agency in consultation with the local DFO shall carryout this work and compliance reported to this office;
- vi. The dugout material/overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area.
- vii. The user agency shall endeavor to minimize the felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized to the extent possible. Wherever necessary, felling shall be carried out by the SFD and forest produce shall be taken into government account for further disposal at the cost of user agency.
- viii. The layout plan of the proposed road shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 - ix. The User Agency has to create a live fencing by planting tall growing tree species in 4 rows (at a spacing of 2m x 2m) all around the boundary of the Solid Waste Treatment & Disposal Facility (within the UA's land) and report compliance.
 - x. Speed breakers shall be constructed along the road at an interval of 150-200 meter by the User Agency to prevent any collision of vehicles with wild animals.
- xi. No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xii. Fencing of Solid Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility towards the existing forest boundary shall be done with compound wall by the user agency.
- xiii. A manned barrier shall be established by the user agency at the entry point from the existing highway and a gate at the entry of waste treatment and disposal facility to prevent entry of private vehicles. No vehicles shall be parked on this road and appropriate signage are to be displayed in this regard.
- xiv. Municipal solid waste or any garbage shall be dumped on the forest land including the FL diverted for the construction of road at any point of time.
- xv. No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.
- xvi. It shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not cause any damage to the nearby forest flora and fauna.
- xvii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.6228 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xviii. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Government of India.

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- xix. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.
- xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the Forest Conservation act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing act/Rules and MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dt. 29/01/2018.

A compliance report on the conditions stipulated above shall be submitted by the Forest Department in six months time from the date of issue of forest diversion order by the state government to the user agency.

Yours faithfully.

(Dr D. Manjunatha) 28 04 2023 al of Forests (C

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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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. Commissioner, GHMC, Municipal complex, Hyderabad, 500004 rajeshaeghmc@gmail.com
- 6. Superintending Engineer (SWM), GHMC, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.
- 7. Guard file.