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F.No. 4-TSB246/2022-HYD/42 Date 5th April, 2022

To,

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

Subject:

Diversion of 4.739 ha (revised from 4.971 ha) of forest land in Armoor Forest Division for widening of single lane to double lane road for connecting Mandal Head Quarter to District Head Quarter for Sirikonda – Vemulawada road from km 0/0 to 20/5 of Nizamabad District – in favour of EE, R&B Division, Nizamabad – reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 4621/For.I(1)/2021 dated 24.01.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/20260/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's *In principle* approval (Stage-I) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **4.739 Ha** (revised from 4.971 Ha) of forest land in Armoor Forest Division for widening of single lane to double lane road for connecting Mandal Head Quarter to District Head Quarter for Sirikonda- Vemulawada from km 0/0 to 20/5 of Nizamabad District- in favour of EE, R&B Division, Nizamabad, 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 at the cost of the User Agency.
- (iii) Compensatory Afforestation:
  - a) The State Forest Department shall carryout barren hill Afforestation plantation @ 100 plants per Ha as proposed over an extent of 4.971 ha (out of 16.1906 ha identified for different FC proposals) in Sy.No.360 situated at Kosili (V), Navipet (M) of Nizamabad Division of Nizamabad district and also carryout proposed activities like erection of boundary pillars, staggered contour

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- trenches, erection of Chain link fencing etc. in the non-forest land identified for CA purpose.
- b) The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation & its maintenance over an extent of 4.5 ha (1111 plants/ha as proposed) degraded forest area identified in Compt.No. 99 in Sunket RF, Bheemgal beat & section, Kammarpally Range of Nizamabad division, at the cost of the User Agency.
- (iv) The Non-Forest area and the degraded forest land identified for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (v) Entire non-forest land identified over an extent of 16.1906 Ha identified for different FC proposals (including instant proposal) in Sy.No.360 situated at Kosili (V), Navipet (M) of Nizamabad district for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and shall be notified as RF/ PF before issue of the Stege-II clearanmee. Copy of such notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report.
- (vi) (A) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 4.739 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008, 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022.
  (B) 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
- (vii) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

- (viii) The User Agency shall endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized to the extent possible. Wherever necessary, felling shall be carried out under the strict supervision of the DFP/FDO concerned. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency.
- (ix) FDO reported that, the proposed Widening of single lane to double lane road for connecting Mandal Head Quarter to District Head Quarter from Sirikonda to Vemulawada road is along the existing cart track/ within the Right of Way

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- in Sirikonda RF. However, actual length of width of RoW allowed in the notification has not been reported.
- (x) Speed regulating signages will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Area by the User Agency.
- (xi) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xii) The forest area proposed for diversion is hilly/ undulating, appropriate SMC works may be carried out to check soil erosion.
- (xiii) Cross section of the road indicating components like carriage way shoulders, drain etc. may be submitted along with the compliance report.
- (xiv) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost.
- (xv) Construction of culverts/ bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- (xvi) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided in consultation with the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil.
- (xvii) The dug-out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area.
- (xviii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xix) The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourors working at the site to avoid damage/ tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.
- (xx) 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.
- (xxi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed <u>4.739 ha (including the existing single road and the width of the road shall not exceed 10.52 mtrs)</u>

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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.

- (xxii) 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 Central Government.
- (xxiii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xxiv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad 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.
- (xxv) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of 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 dt29/01/2018.
- (xxvi) Compliance report shall be submitted through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle (Stage-1) 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 shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

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