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To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 4.772 ha (revised from 4.3999 ha) (Chennur Division 2.752 ha revised from 2.4396 ha & Mancherial Division-2.020 ha revised from 1.9604 ha) of forest land in Mancherial District for widening and strengthening from km 180/6 Km 223/0 of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur Section of NH-63 (old NH-16) with two lane paved shoulder in Chennur RF in favour of Chief Engineer-Regional Officer, Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Hyderabad-reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 1746/For.I(1)/2021 dated 07.06.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/44018/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. The project was accorded inprinciple approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 09.08.2021. The State Government vide letter No.1746/For.I(1)/2021 dated 17.06.2022 and PCCF letter No.FC2/FC09/15/2022 dated 24.01.23 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 the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of 4.772 ha (revised from 4.3999 ha) (Chennur Division 2.752 ha revised from 2.4396 ha & Mancherial Division-2.020 ha revised from 1.9604 ha) of forest land in Mancherial District for widening and strengthening from km 180/6 Km 223/0 of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur Section of NH-63 (old NH-16) with two-lane paved shoulder in Chennur RF in favour of Chief Engineer-Regional Officer, Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 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 from the amount already realized from the User Agency. The user agency shall not start work prior to the completion of the demarcation of the diverted land.
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation in the identified degraded forest area over an extent of **5.50** ha in Compartment No 251 of Chintapalli Beat, Chennur Section & Range and over an extent of **4.05** ha in Compartment No 312 of Bheemaram Beat and Section of Mancherial Range from the amount already been realized from the User Agency.
- iv. Degraded forest land identified for CA purposes and the CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- v. 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.
- vi. As the existing road is fragmenting the forest landscape, suitable Animal Passage as per the MoEF&CC / WII guidelines shall be constructed at the cost of the User Agency to ensure seamless movement of wild animals. Chain link fence shall be erected up to 500 m length on either side of the animal passage to guide the animals into the passage.
- vii. The user agency shall camouflage the animal passage suitably in consultation with the DFO.
- viii. Animal crossing signage and speed regulating signage shall be erected along the road at regular intervals.
- ix. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- x. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- xi. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of EPA, 1986, if applicable.
- xii. Kindling of any fire in the forest shall not be allowed and work of upgradation shall be done between 7.00 AM to 5.00 PM only.
- xiii. The wildlife mitigation plan proposed for protection and habitat improvement measures for Tigers and other wildlife shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.
- xiv. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls

wherever required in consultation with 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 the 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. Wherever feasible, translocation of trees shall be carried out by the forest department at the cost of the User Agency;

xx. The proposal is for realignment of the existing road, hence after the new alignment is completed, the blacktopped portion (BT) of the old alignment in the forest land shall be removed by the UA and the SFD shall plant native forestry tree species on the old road portion at the cost of the User agency;

xxi. No labour camp shall be established in the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;

xxii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material for execution of the project work.

xxiii. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in the execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xxiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.772** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xxv. 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;

xxvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xxvii. 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 with by the

User Agency;

xxviii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Ministry's guidelines.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Manjunatha D. IFS)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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