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To

The Special Chief 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 Bhadradi Thermal power station in Bhadradi Kothagudem district in favour of TSGENCO -reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government 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 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 04.02.2020. The State Government vide letter No.4294/For.I(1)/2019 dated 01.04.2022 have furnished 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 final approval (**Stage-II**) 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 Bhadradi Thermal power station in Bhadradi Kothagudem district in favour of TSGENCO, subject to the following conditions: -

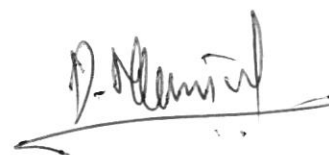
1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the State Forest Department from the amount realized from the User Agency in following identified lands as per the CA scheme prepared.

a. Non-Forest Land (NFL)

- i. **18.7191 ha** in Sy No 28 of Ulavachelka Village, Allapalli Mandal of Kinnerasani Division.
- ii. **6.4311 ha & 1.5256 ha** in Sy No 853/7 of Sambayagudem habitation of Ramanujanaram Village of Manuguru Mandal of Manuguru Division.

b. Degraded Forest Land (DFL)

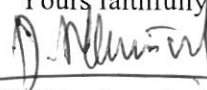
- i. **6 ha** in Comp No 208 of Nellipaka B RF of Eravendi Beat and Section of Ashwapuram Range
 - ii. **18.6235 ha** in Compt. No.55 of Markode RF of Kichenapally (S) Beat and Markode Section of WLM Regella Range.
 - c. A mixture of local, indigenous forestry tree species shall be planted, and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.
 - d. In the CA scheme prepared, watering of the saplings may be included for the first 4 years for better survival, growth and success of CA plantation.
 - e. The CA area and scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
3. 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 notified as RF/PF within six months from the date of issuing of this order. A copy of such original notification shall be submitted to IRO Hyderabad for record purpose.
 4. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
 5. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected areas/ Forest Areas.
 6. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
 8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 9. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the concerned DFO within 6 months of the approval and compliance reported to the Central Government.
 10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 11. 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.
 12. 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.
 13. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.



14. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations, and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
15. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing Acts/Rules/guidelines.
16. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection, and development of forests & wildlife.
17. 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.
18. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled by utilizing amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. Tree felling shall be under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 19. It is the collective responsibility of the State Government / District Collector /User Agency to implement R&R plan approved and settlement of RoFR holders.**
20. 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.
21. Smooth passage of wild animals across the railway track shall be ensured by the UA.
22. The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed of 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.
23. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees wherever feasible from the amount which is claimed to be deposited by the User Agency with PD account of FDO, Manuguru.
24. 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.
25. 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.

Compliance report of the above stated condition shall be submitted by the user agency/state forest department.

Yours faithfully

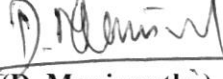


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2. The Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TSGENCO), Vidyut Soudha, Khairtabad, Hyderabad, Telangana 500082. ed.cth@tsgenco.co.in
3. Guard file.


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