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To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 1.8571 ha of forest land for construction of 4 lane access controlled New Green field Highway Section NH 365 BG khammam to Devarapally passing Through Compt No 40, Velugumetla RF to a length of 309.52 mtr and width 60 mtr of Khammam Forest Division, Khammam District in favour of Project Directo, PIU, NHAI, Khammam.-reg**

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 4617/For.I(1)/2021 dated 23.12.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/142433/2021 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 27.12.2021. The State Government vide letter No. 4617/For.I(1)/2021 dated 13.06.2022 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 approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **1.8571 ha** of forest land for construction of 4 lane access controlled New Green field Highway Section NH 365 BG Khammam to Devarapally passing through Compt No 40, Velugumetla RF to a length of 309.52 mtr and width of 60 mtr of Khammam Forest Division, Khammam District in favour of the Project Director, PIU, NHAI, Khammam, subject to following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency and **report compliance within a month from the date of issue of this letter.**

- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation in the identified Degraded Forest Land (DFL) over an extent of **3.7142 ha** in Compt No 40, Velugumatla RF/Beat, Khammam Range, from the amount already realized from the User Agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planted, and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- iv. User agency shall restrict the tree felling to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- v. The complete compliance of the FRA,2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector. **Compensation for the eligible holders of RoFR title deeds may be settled as per the provisions of LARR, Act, 2013 as mentioned in the District Collector's proceedings/ letter Lr. A6/RoFR/ITDA/1933/ 2021 dated 20/12/2021 and report compliance along with documentary proof.**
- vi. **User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms and maintain the same for 5-7 years.**
- vii. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the project cost.
- viii. The 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 does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- ix. The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in the forest area as per the requirement for free and safe movement of wild animals.
- x. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the site condition in consultation with the DFO concerned to stabilize the soil.
- xi. The dug-out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area proposed.
- xii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest area by the User Agency.
- xiii. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance for the project as per the provisions of EPA, 1986, if applicable.
- xiv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xv. No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.

- xvi. Disturbance shall be kept minimum within the forest area, and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- xvii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **1.8571 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the diversion proposal.
- xviii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material for execution of the project work.
- xix. 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.
- xx. 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.
- xxi. Any other conditions that the Central Government 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.
- xxii. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.
- xxiii. 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/Guidelines.

Yours faithfully,



(D.Manjunatha)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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