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To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in Kadapa Division and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Division) of forest land for erection of obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour of Airport Director, Airport Authority of India, Kadapa-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No 4264/Section-II/2019 dated 30.01.2020 and 06.10.2020 and online proposal No. FP/AP/Others/38959/2019, seeking prior approval of the Government of India 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, I am directed to convey the in-principle **(Stage-I)** approval of the Government of India under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in Kadapa Division and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Division) of forest land for erection of obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour of Airport Director, Airport Authority of India, Kadapa, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
3. Ten times the trees to be felled under the project shall be plated and maintained as compensatory afforestation by the Forest Department in the identified degraded forest land in Compt No 567 Kanumolopalli Extn

A RF, Kanumolopalli Beat of Kadapa Range and over 0.25 ha in Compt No 76 of Chennamukapalli RF, Bayanapalli Beat of Proddatur Range at the cost of the User Agency;

4. Identified degraded forest area for compensatory afforestation and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the **0.04 ha** forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard;
6. 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. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
7. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
8. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>)
9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
11. All conditions recommended by the SC-NBWL and *as communicated to State Govt. vide MoEF&CC's letter no. 6-48/2020 WL dated 7/8/2020* shall be complied with by the User Agency & Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;



12. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
13. Materials to be used for construction purpose should be brought from outside the forest area;
14. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
15. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of User Agency;
16. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.04 ha** 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;
17. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
18. Any other condition that the Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada 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;
19. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Rules and guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, in this regard.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle 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 may be revoked as per the rules.

Yours faithfully

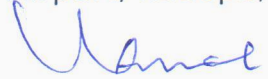


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