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To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-  
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**Subject: Diversion of 0.1511 ha of forest land falling in Compt. No. 969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, Visakhapatnam- Reg**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 910/Section.II/2021 dated 03.05.2021 and online proposal No. FP/AP/Pipeline/44624/2020 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 08.07.2021. The State Government vide letter No. 910/Section.II/2021 dated 28.06.2022 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 to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.1511 ha** of forest land falling in Compt. No. 969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Ten times the number of trees to be felled under the project shall be planted by the State Forest Department in the identified degraded forest area over an extent of **0.50 ha** in Compartment no. 634, Vempadu RF near D .L.Puram Village, Yellamanchili from the amount already been realized form the User Agency;
- (iii) As proposed, the State Forest Department may take appropriate mitigation measures in that locality to tackle problems such as wind erosion etc and as proposed the State Forest Department shall plant 500 Casuarina seedlings in an area of **0.50 ha** of Shelter Belt area identified in Compartment no.973 of K.Polavaram Forest Block to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc from the amount already been realized form the User Agency ;
- (iv) 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 User Agency;
- (v) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;
- (vi) The User Agency proposed 0.011 ha for pump house, hence it is to ensure that no residential accommodation in the diverted area for pump house;
- (vii) The State Government shall ensure that all approvals including CRZ clearance, required if any before handing over of the forest land;
- (viii) Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out wherever necessary, with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- (ix) Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees at the cost of the user agency;



- (x) 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;
- (xi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xii) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby flora & fauna;
- (xiii) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.1511** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xiv) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xv) The Concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- (xvi) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada by the end of March every year;
- (xvii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, IRO, 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;
- (xviii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,



**(N.S.Murali)**  
Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Forest Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem Guntur-522004.
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