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Date 10th July, 2018

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-522503

Subject: Diversion of 4.42 ha forest land in Damarasingi RF for excavation of Tunnel under Tharakarama Thirtha Sagaram Reservoir project, in favour of Executive Engineer, T.R.T.S. Division Vizianagaram -reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.7659/Section-Ii/2008 dated 09.08.2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest area 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 01.11.2016. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter No.7659/Section-II/2008 dated 22.06.2018 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of 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 4.42 ha forest land in Damarasingi RF for excavation of Tunnel under Tharakarama Thirtha Sagaram Reservoir project, in favour of Executive Engineer, T.R.T.S. Division Vizianagaram, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The compensatory afforestation work & its maintenance shall be carried out by the State Forest Department in the entire non forest land identified over 11 acres or 4.452 ha in Sy. No1/3, Kumili Village, Vizianagaram District from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency;
3. Non-forest land which needs to be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be

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declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the State Forest Act. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance within a period of six months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification to this office for information and record;

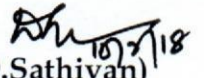
4. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be realized by the State Government from User Agency;
5. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
6. User agency shall ensure that the labourers, staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora and fauna;
7. User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
8. User Agency shall bear the cost of protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFO, Vizianagarm Division;
9. User agency shall carry out mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion at the project cost;
10. Felling shall be restricted to removal of trees only where it is necessary. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of user agency;
11. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
12. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.42 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
13. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Government of India shall be complied with by the User Agency.

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14. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai 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;
15. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly;
16. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

Yours faithfully,



(D.Sathiyam)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 1
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem Guntur-522004.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.
4. The Deputy Secretary, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Executive Engineer, Tharakarama Thirtha Sagaram Reservoir Project, T.R.T.S. Division, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh.
6. Guard file.

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