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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To
The Secretary to Government,
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Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
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Rc.no.EFS02-15024/2/2019/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:06/06/2021.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 118.725 ha in (3) forest division i.e.,
- Guntur, Giddalur and Nellore for construction of New B.G.Railway line
between Nadikudi to Srikalahasthi in favour of South Central Railway,
Secunderabad - Stage-I approval accorded - Condition-wise compliance
report submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1. Gol, MoEF&CC, R.O, Chennai, F.no. APA013/2016-CHN/1479, dt:
- 20.07.2016.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Rc.no.18177/2015/FCA-1, dt: 08.08.2016.
3. Conservator of Forests, Guntur Rc. no. 1051/2015/TA, dated:
01.12.2020.

It is submitted that, the Gol, MoEF & CC, R.O, Chennai in the reference 1st cited accorded Stage-I approval for diversion of 118.725 ha in (3) Forest divisions i.e., Guntur, Giddalur and Nellore for construction of New B.G.Railway line between Nadikudi to Srikalahasthi in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad.

Accordingly, in the reference 3rd cited, the Conservator of Forests , Guntur has submitted compliance on the conditions stipulated in the Stage -I approval accorded in the reference 1st cited.

The condition -wise compliance is as follows.

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Sl.no.	Condition stipulated by Gol in Ir., dated: 20.07.2016.	Compliance
1.	Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged. The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
2.	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 1729 no. concrete pillars with 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.	The User Agency has demarcated the proposed forest land duly constructing 1729 no. concrete pillars with 4 feet height duly numbered at 20 Meters interval. The details of Latitude and Longitude of the pillars are enclosed herewith
3.	The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 139.69 ha. of degraded forest land identified in compt. No. 432 & 439 in Inimerla PF/RF of Kanigiri Range and 101.0415 ha degraded FL in Compt. No. 452 in Punugodu RF of Kanigiri. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintenance of CA, as the current wage rate.	The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) of 138 ha. of degraded forest land in compartment no. 432 in Inimerla RF and 100 ha. of area in compartment no. 452 of Punugodu RF, thus total 238 ha of area in Kanigiri Range was raised during the year 2018-19 and maintained during 2019-20 as 1 st year maintenance.
4	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 118.725 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) no. 202/1995.	The User Agency deposited an amount of ₹17,70,37,290/- (₹5,46,37,290/- towards NPV + 12,24,00,000/- towards CA) on 11.05.2017 through RTGS in AP State CAMPA. Copy enclosed.
5	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 charged by	The UA furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.

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	the Government from the UA. UA shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	
6	The funds received from the UA towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. The user agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies, on by generating Challan through the Ministry's website.	The User Agency deposited an amount of ₹17,70,37,290/- (₹5,46,37,290/- towards NPV + 12,24,00,000/- towards CA) on 11.05.2017 through RTGS in AP State CAMPA. Copy enclosed.
7	The User agency shall construct water tanks at project cost on either side of the proposed track at different locations in consultation with the DFO concerned, to provide water to the wild animals so as to prevent them from crossing across the railway track in search of water. User agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency constructed 6 no. water tanks on either side of the proposed track to provide water to the wild animals. The photos and latitude and longitude details are enclosed herewith.
8	The User Agency shall have qualified forest / agriculture/ horticultural graduates on their rolls to monitor the plantations being carried out by the railways.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.
9	The State Government shall form a committee consisting of members from forest department to implement the green initiatives recommended under the 1% money proposed to be allotted from the project cost.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that, to pursue with the State Government to form a committee consisting of members from Forest Department to implement the green initiatives recommended under the 1% money proposed to be allotted from the project cost. Copy enclosed.
10	The User Agency shall construct the ROB's and other underpasses as	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.

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	mentioned in the project estimate for the safe passage of the wild animals.	
11	In Inimerla RF waterholes and solar powered borewell structures may be provided . Likewise in Punugoda RF also, as suggested by the APCCF (Central) during site inspection, solar powered borewell structures to be provided as the cost of User Agency.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to provide water holes and solar powered borewell structures in Inimerla and Punugodu RFs. Copy enclosed.
12	Depending on the feasibility, the State Forest Department shall try to translocate the trees present in the proposed area to the nearby forest area at the cost of the User Agency.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to co-ordinate with the State Forest Department for translocation of the trees to nearby forest area, depending on the feasibility. Copy enclosed.
13	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.
14	No station/ halt should be commissioned in the forest area. The railways should look for alternative technical options.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.
15	Pre-fabricated, eco-friendly structures should be user to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat.	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking stating that, the earthwork and bridges would be constructed <i>in situ</i> . However, precast items such as rails, sleepers etc., will be used for laying the track. Copy enclosed.
16	The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off outside the forest area and reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. However materials to be user for construction of	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that the debris /earth excavated during the track laying work should be deposited off outside the forest area. It is also to undertake that the material used for construction of new tracks may be taken from outside the forest area. Copy enclosed.

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	new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area.	
17	Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.
18	The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.
19	Night time usage of the track may be disallowed. Work shall be taken up only during day time.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking letter stating that construction work would be taken up during day light hours only. Copy enclosed.
20	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.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that wherever bank is there, 1 (Vertical) : 2 (Horizontal) earthen slope would be provided and in cutting 1 (Vertical): 2 (Horizontal)slope would be provided depending upon the site conditions. Copy enclosed.
21	Appropriate soil conservation measures to be taken to reduce silt load in the runoff to avoid negative impact on the water bodies. The User Agency will provide retaining walls, breast wall and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that all the precautions would be taken to stabilize the slope duly allowing natural Vegetation. Copy enclosed.
22	Traffic on the proposed track should be controlled to minimize the chances of wildlife mortalities.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. Copy enclosed.
23	Speed limit for the train shall be decided by the railway authorities after consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) as per terrain and presence of	The CF, Guntur reported that the South Central railway authorities have furnished an undertaking stating that, the speed of the train on proposed track depends on track parameters such as ballast, sleepers, rails, condition of banking, cutting, major

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	wildlife. Moreover railway authorities shall abide by any conditions prescribed by the CWLW on speed limit as per the orders of the Honorable Supreme Court of India.	bridges and curves and in addition to the above, the speed of the train depends on bearing capacity of the soil, and the user agency also stated that, at present the track work is in progress at scattered locations and after commissioning the track work, the speed of the train will be decided only on consultation with Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Guntur and also abide by the conditions prescribed by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
24	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect.
25	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 118.725 ha. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that the total forest land utilized for this project would be restricted to 118.725 ha, for laying tracks only. Copy enclosed.
26	The Forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that no forest land proposed for diversion would be transferred to any other agency or department or person without prior approval of Central Government in any circumstances. Copy enclosed.
27	The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the Regional Office of the Ministry and to the State Government.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that the Annual self compliance report in respect of above conditions would be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry and to the State Government. Copy enclosed.
28	All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Central Government	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with any other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of proposals to the Central Government. Copy

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	shall be complied with by the User Agency.	enclosed.
29	Any other conditions that the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), 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.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with any other condition that the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of Afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area to this effect. Copy enclosed.
30	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 Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Central), Regional Office, Chennai.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking for liability and penal action in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions as decided by the APCCF(Central), Regional Office, Chennai. Copy enclosed.

The compliance report in (2) sets is submitted herewith.

Government are therefore requested to forward the above Stage-I condition-wise compliance to the Government of India, MoEF &CC, IRO, Vijayawada for according final (Stage -II) approval of the said project at the earliest.

Encl:- As above

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Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Guntur for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Guntur, Giddalur and Nellore Divisions for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Dy. Chief Project Manager (Construction), South Central Railway, Secunderabad for information