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Date 7th April, 2022

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 12.2178 ha revised from (14.1439 ha) i.e. 10.015 ha in Mancherial division and 2.2028 ha in Chennur Division) of forest land for widening and Strengthening of NH-63 to Two Lane with paved shoulder from Mancherial to Chennur Section in the State of Telangana in Mancherial Forest Division in favour of CE, MoRTH, GoI, Hyderabad.reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 719/For.I(1)/2021 dated 01.03.2021 dated 719/For.I(1)/2021 dated 15.02.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/40154/2019 seeking prior approval of the Central Government 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 revised proposal submitted by the State Government, by the REC in its 3rd meeting held on 21.03.2022 recommended the proposal and accordingly, I am to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (Stage-I) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 12.2178 ha (10.015 ha in Mancherial division and 2.2028 ha in Chennur Division) of forest land for widening and Strengthening of NH-63 to Two Lane with paved shoulder from Mancherial to Chennur Section in the State of Telangana in Mancherial Forest Division in favour of CE, MoRTH, GoI, Hyderabad subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency.

(iii) **COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION:**

The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation in identified degraded forest land over an extent of double the forest area being diverted i.e., 24.44 Ha in Compt No 312 in Chennur Beat, Bheemaram Section of Mancherial Range of Chennur RF. Revised CA scheme shall be submitted along with the compliance report. In the CA scheme provision

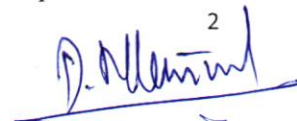


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for watering of saplings may be provided up to 5 years for successful plantation at the cost of the User Agency.

- (iv) Degraded forest land identified for CA purpose shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (v) (A) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **12.2178 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and **revised NPV as per the Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022.**

(B) 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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vi) The Proposed Wildlife mitigation measures duly approved by the CWLW shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.
- (vii) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- (viii) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost.
- (ix) 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 also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- (x) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil.
- (xi) The dugout material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area.
- (xii) The User Agency shall endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized to the extent possible. Wherever necessary, felling shall be carried out under the strict supervision of the DFP/FDO concerned. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall

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carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency.

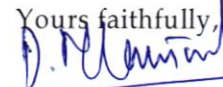
- (xiii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xiv) Speed regulating signages will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Area by the User Agency.
- (xv) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xvi) Cross section of the road indicating components like carriage way shoulders, drain etc. may be submitted along with the compliance report.
- (xvii) The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and **no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.**
- (xviii) It shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not cause any damage to the nearby forest flora and fauna.
- (xix) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **12.2178 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.
- (xx) 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.
- (xxi) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xxii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad 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.
- (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 and MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dt29/01/2018.

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(xxiv) Compliance report shall be submitted through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

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 shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.


Yours faithfully,


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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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