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Date 07th June, 2018

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 20.02 ha of forest land in Chennur Forest Division for widening of single lane road to double lane road improvement of Chennur- Vemanapally Road from km 6/5 to 31/25 in Adilabad District in favour of Engineer in Chief, R&B, State Roads & CRN, Hyderabad-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.1300/For.I(1)/2018 dated 24.04.2018 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/20103/2016 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.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 20.02 ha of forest land in Chennur Forest Division for widening of single lane road to double lane road improvement of Chennur- Vemanapally Road from km 6/5 to 31/25 in Adilabad District in favour of Engineer in Chief, R&B, State Roads & CRN, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The 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 User Agency;
- (iii) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and related activities proposed in CA scheme shall be carried out by the State Forest Department over 20.02 ha of non-forest area identified in Sy No 95/1 of Sungapur Village of Tiryani Mandal at the cost of the user agency. The State Forest Department shall also carry out Compensatory Afforestation and its maintenance over an extent of 20.02 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compt No. 407 of Kunegavelly RF at the cost of use agency, to meet the requirement of raising of 1000 plants/ Ha of forest land diverted;

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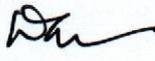
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- (iv) The State Forest Department shall also carry out Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA) and its maintenance over an extent of 19.86 ha (out of 25.8 ha) of degraded forest land identified in Compt No 6 & 7 of Somanpally Section of Chennur Range at the cost of user agency;
- (v) Entire non-forest land over extent of 20.02 ha identified for compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated along with DGPS coordinates of the NFL area in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance;
- (vi) 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 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 must 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;
- (vii) Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation should not be left unspent as recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC);
- (viii) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 20.02 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;
- (ix) 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. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (x) The State Government shall impose the Penal provisions as per the Ministry's guideline dated 21.01.2018 section 3 (B) subsections (i), (ii), (iii), & (iv) and accordingly shall collect necessary penal levies from the user agency;
- (xi) The State Government shall ensure that no such violation shall take place in future and shall send a communication / directives to all the Government agencies in this regard;

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- (xii) The user agency shall endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized. Wherever necessary, the trees shall be felled only under the strict supervision of the DFO/ FDO concerned. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of user agency;
- (xiii) The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the **Corporation bank account of the Telangana State CAMPA. The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the NPV and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website;**
- (xiv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xv) The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling
- (xvi) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (xvii) The user agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (xviii) The 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;
- (xix) The user agency shall raise Strip/ Avenue plantations on both sides and at the central verge of the road at the project cost with maintenance of 10 years or till the planted trees get established whichever is later;
- (xx) Speed breakers shall be constructed on the road within the Wildlife areas / Wildlife crossings, along with frequent signages on speed limits to avoid damage of wildlife hits;
- (xxi) The guidelines circulated by the Wild Life Institute of India (WII), in respect of such linear projects have to be adhered to ensure safe passage of wild animals;

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- (xxii) 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;
- (xxiii) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. No storage of any material shall be done in the forest area proposed;
- (xxiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **20.02 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (xxv) 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;
- (xxvi) 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;
- (xxvii) 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;
- (xxviii) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the FDO, Chennur Forest Division in Sl No 12 (v) (a) of part II i.e 87.772 ha of forest land and 229.830 ha of degraded forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
- (xxix) 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.

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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.

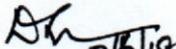
Yours faithfully,


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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 - 110 003
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3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Executive Engineer, R & B Mancherial Division, Adilabad District, Telangana 504208.
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