GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

From To

Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS., The Secretary to the Government,

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Ref. no.9972/2017/FCA-3, Dated:19/07/2021.

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Sir,

Sub APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 3.93 ha. of forest land for widening of road within Right of Way (RoW) in Nadimur-Kurmanipalli RFs of Chittoor West Division for up-gradation of NH-42 (old NH-219) from Km. 58/600 to 140/680 (Palamaner to Krishnagiri Border Section) to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in f/o EE, NH Division, Chittoor - Stage-I approval accorded by Government of India - Compliance report submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1. Gol, MoEF&CC, F.no.APB052/2017-CHN/1947, Dt. 04.12.2017.

- 2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref. no. 9972/2017/FCA-3, Dt. 11.12.2017.
- 3. CCF, Ananthapuramu, Rc.no.356(RoW)/2017/TO, Dt.24.04.2021.

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Kind attention is invited to the reference cited.

It is submitted that Government of India, in the reference 1st cited, have conveyed the Central Government's approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3.93 ha. of forest land for widening the road within Right of Way (RoW) in Nadimur-Kurmanipalli RFs of Chittoor West Division for up-gradation of NH-42 (old NH-219) from Km. 58/600 to 140/680 (Palamaner to Krishnagiri Border Section) to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in f/o Executive Engineer, NH Division, Chittoor, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

The Stage-I approval was communicated to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu and Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West in the reference 2nd cited and requested to submit compliance report.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu in the reference 3rd cited, submitted the Stage-I compliance report, which is as follows.

	Conditions stipulated by Gol in the Stage-I approval	•
(i)	Legal status of the	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted that this will
	forest land shall	be ensured and followed while issuing

	remain unchanged.	permission.
(ii)	proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted that the User Agency demarcated the forest area with CC pillars & constructed 203 nos. on the both sides of road portion in Nadimur-Kurmanipalle RFs, Nadimur Beat.
(iii)	Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 8 ha. of degraded	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted that the User Agency paid CA plantation cost of Rs. 31.50 lakh by generating challan in the MoEF&CC web portal on 12.02.2018 and adjusted on 16.02.2018. CA plantation was raised over an extent of 8 ha. in Compartment no.242, Allapalle RF during 2019-20 and survival of plantation is 99%.
(iv)	approved CA scheme shall not be changed	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted that, identified CA land and approved CA scheme will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
(v)	shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted that the User Agency paid the NPV amount of Rs.24.602 lakh by generating challan in the MoEF&CC web portal on 12.02.2018 and adjusted on 16.02.2018. (copy is enclosed)
(vi)		The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition.

	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. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	
(vii)		
(viii)	proposal shall not be changed without the	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted that this does not arise and also submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition.
(ix)	should be ensured by	
(x)	retaining walls and	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted that this does not arise and submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the

	required by consulting the DFO concerned at the project cost;	
(xi)	culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural	the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition.
(xii)	in the diverted area shall be felled/cleared	undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition.
(xiii)	arrange to raise avenue plantation all along the	The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition. But no amount was deposited towards Avenue Plantation so far.
(xiv)	fillings which require	
(xv)	material/overburden	
(xvi)		The CCF, Ananthapuramu submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency

	wherever feasible instead of felling, at the cost of User Agency.	to comply with the condition.
(xvii)	utilized for the projects	
(xviii)	proposed for diversion	
(xix)	State Government shall	
(xx)	that the Central	

(xxi)	mentioned by the DFO, Chittoor West Forest Divisions in SI No 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II ie.	Compensatory affore Act cases and achiev 31.12.2020 pertains to which are as follows.	station st vements	ipulated for FC made up to
	387.575 ha of forest land and 327.350 has of non-forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to	Category	, ,	Achieved (in ha.)
	upload the same in the web portal.		331.91	331.91
		CA – DFL	147.24	639.09
		ACA/Penal CA/SZA in forest lands	577.883	
		Total:-	1057.33	971.00
(xxii)	The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to Regional Office regularly.	undertaking furnished b to comply with the cond	y the Use	

the above conditions to comply with the condition. the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.
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Further, it is submitted that , as per the instructions issued in Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in F.no.7-23/2012-FC, dt.24.07.2013, the User Agency has to publish forest clearance granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government in Stage-I forest clearance in two widely circulated daily news papers and in vernacular language and the other in English language to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non-forest purposes. But, in this case, the User Agency has not furnished the details of paper publications.

The compliance report with necessary enclosures is submitted herewith. The Government are requested to consider and forward the Stage-I compliance report to the Government of India for according Stage-II approval to the subject project.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &

Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu for information. Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chitoor West for information. Copy to the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Chittoor.