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To,

The Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
 Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
 Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
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**Subject: Diversion of 3.93 ha of forest land for widening of road within Right of Way (RoW) in Nadimur & Kurmanipalle RFs of Chittoor (West) Division for up-gradation of NH-42 (Old NH-219) from km 58/600 to 140/680 (Palamaner - Krishnagiri Border Section) to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of AP in favour of Executive Engineer (R &B), NH Division, Chittoor -reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. No.3403/Section-II/2017 dated 30.10.2017 and online proposal No. FP/AP/ROAD/29446/2017 seeking prior approval of the Government of India 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 04.12.2017. The State Government vide letter No. 3403/Section.II/2017/Computer No 251073 dated 06.09.21 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3.93 ha of forest land for widening of road within Right of Way (RoW) in Nadimur & Kurmanipalle RFs of Chittoor (West) Division for up-gradation of NH-42 (Old NH-219) from km 58/600 to 140/680 (Palamaner - Krishnagiri Border Section) to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of AP in favour of Executive Engineer (R &B), NH Division, Chittoor, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 8 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compt No 242 in Allapalle RF, Thotakanuma Beat, Palamner Range from the amount which are already been realized from the User Agency;

- (iii) Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vi) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will 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;
- (vii) The UA shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required by consulting the DFO concerned at the project cost;
- (viii) 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;
- (ix) Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- (x) The user agency shall arrange to raise avenue plantation all along the roadside at the project cost with maintenance of 7-10 years.
- (xi) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO so as to stabilize the soil.
- (xii) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. No storage of any material will be done in the forest area proposed.
- (xiii) The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling, at the cost of user agency.

- (xiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.93 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xv) 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;
- (xvi) 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.
- (xvii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada 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;
- (xviii) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Chittoor West Forest Division in SI No 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 387.575 ha of forest land and 327.350 ha of non forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada;
- (xix) 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.
- (xx) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Ministry's guidelines

Yours faithfully,



**(N.S.Murali)**

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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