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Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division)

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> > Date: 29th September, 2023

To,

The Special Chief Secretary,

Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004

Sub: Proposal for use of 4.0555 ha of forest land from Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of BT road from Cheruvumunda Thanda to Doravari Vempally in Gudur WLM Division of Mahabubabad district, Telangana under PMGSY-FP/TG/ROAD/122827/2021. Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The 74th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 29th August, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

- 2. After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:
 - I. The User Agency shall construct a minimum of two passage ways per Km length of the road with a minimum of 30.00 m width and 4-5.00 m height as per the specifications issued by WII.
- II. The User Agency as a part of the wild animal passage plan shall construct under passes at the locations indicated in the Animal Passage Plan prepared by the Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer concerned following the specifications issued by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- III. The underpasses shall have bell-mouth opening with splayed wing walls at both ends with grasses, herbs and shrubs to attract movement of wild animals.
- IV. Chain link fencing shall be installed for a length of 100 m on either side of the underpasses on either side of the road which shall be periodically maintained by the User Agency.

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- V. The User Agency shall install speed controlling devices with proper sign boards for every 50.00 meters interval.
- VI. The works shall be carried out only between 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM without disturbing /damaging flora and fauna of the area.
- VII. No labour camp shall be set up during the execution of work.
- VIII. Care shall be taken to ensure no incidents of fire occur in the forest area. No explosives to be used.
- IX. All the debris at the site of construction of under passes shall be removed after construction
- X. There shall be no violation of Forest Act, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 during the execution of work.
- XI. Caution signboards (fluorescent/radium) about animal crossing as per the advice of the Forest Department shall be provided by the User Agency at appropriate places along the road.
- XII. The following mitigation plan as recommended by CF, Kothagudem is approved for Rs.37.20 lakhs.

S1. No	Name of the item	Unit Cost	Qty.	Amt. (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Integrated camping site-creation of water sources by constructing major percolation tank (cost Rs.5.00 lakh) along with drilling and installation of two Solar Powered Borewells (cost Rs.3.50 lakh each) to fill the pumps along with a watch tower cum camping site	20.00 each	1 No	20.00
2	Management of Grasslands by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years)	0.40 per ha	10 ha	4.00
3	Engaging a team of two trackers at each major PT site for monitoring wildlife movement, collection of data from camera traps fixing and safeguarding camera traps for 3 years	0.10 per month	2 trackers per site	7.20
4	Procurement of camera traps	0.25	2 Nos	0.50
5	Formation of approach path to the integrated camping site	LS	LS	0.50
6	Procurement of fire-fighting equipment	As per actuals	LS	1.00

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	Total			37.20
9	Administrative cost & unforeseen expenditure	As per actuals	LS	2.00
8	Conducting Nature camps to school children	0.10	10	1.00
7	Installation of large hoarding and sign boards for creation of publicity and awareness	1.00	1 Nos	1.00

- XIII. The mitigation amount of Rs.37.20 lakh shall be deposited in the BIOSOT account of Chief Wildlife Warden in Union Bank, Secretariat Branch, Hyderabad bearing A/C No.110310100030284, IFSC Code UBIN0811033.
- XIV. Any other condition specified by the circle head/DFO/FDO shall be complied with.
- XV. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

The Regional Office of the Ministry at Chennai through its Sub-regional Office at Hyderabad shall monitor the progress of actions taken against the staff and also action taken under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and submit bimonthly report to the Ministry.

3. The minutes of the meeting have been posted online in the "PARIVESH" portal of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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