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F. No. 4-TSB236/2022-HYD /743
To,

Date 7th October 2022

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

Subject: Renovation/Laying of underground RAW water pipeline besides the existing pipeline within the forest land allotted to M/s.ITC from Iravendi Village to ITC Bhadrachalam Paper Boards Ltd., Sarapaka to an extent of 4.2768 Ha falling in Manuguru division of Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s.ITC Limited.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 4457/For.I(1)/2021 dated 07.01.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/Pipeline/149645/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India for diversion of 4.2768 Ha. forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

The Forest area proposed for diversion is for Laying of underground RAW water pipeline with dimension of 3004 Rmt length and width varies from 12.2-14.3m.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's *In-principle* approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Renovation/Laying of underground RAW water pipeline besides the existing pipeline within the forest land allotted to M/s.ITC from Iravendi Village to ITC Bhadrachalam Paper Boards Ltd., Sarapaka to an extent of 4.2768 Ha falling in Manuguru division of Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s.ITC Limited, subject to the following conditions: -

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO concerned.
3. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over and the proposed forest area is duly demarcated with RCC pillars by the user agency.
4. **Compensatory afforestation**

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- a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 5 ha non-forest land identified in Sy. No 440/18,19 & 20; Village-Laxmipuram, Mandal-Burgampahad, District- Bhadradi Kothagudem. A mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- b) **The revised Kml & DGPS Map both plain & toposheet of Compensatory Afforestation area identified in Sy.No.440/18,19 & 20 Village-Laxmipuram, Mandal-Burgampahad, District- Bhadradi Kothagudem shall be uploaded in Parivesh portal (copy enclosed).**
- c) The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, shall be submitted by the State Government.
- d) **As part of the NFL proposed to be given by the UA for Compensatory Afforestation is having mango trees, to facilitate planting forestry species within this mango plantation are, alternate rows of existing mango trees shall be removed and forestry species shall be planted in the gaps created. A suitable scheme shall be prepared to ensure that the whole CA area identified is covered with forestry species and submitted along with the compliance report for its approval.**
- e) **For effective protection of the CA land in future, the identified NFL shall be appropriately demarcated and fenced permanently at the cost of the user agency.**
- f) The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per the compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

5. Net Present Value:

- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 4.2768 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006- FC dated 03/10/2006;

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5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 6th Jan 2022 in this regard.

- b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the forest land proposed to be diverted and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department, where ever necessary, and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
 7. All the funds (compensatory levies) received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA account of the State only through e-portal.
 8. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 m below the ground and after laying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.
 9. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
 10. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
 12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 13. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
 16. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC prevalent guideline and as per Guideline F. No. 11- 42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.

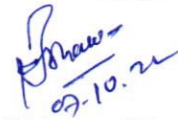


17. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

18. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) at the *earliest possible but not beyond two years from the date of issue of this in-principle approval in general*.

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 2 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 2 years without any further notice.

Yours faithfully,



(Shri. Kailash Bhimrao Bhawar IFS)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
2. IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, New Delhi for information please.
3. The PCCF (CEO, CAMPA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The PCCF(FCA)/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
5. M/s ITC Limited, Administration ITC LTD PSPD, Sarapaka, Burgampahad Madnal, Bhadradi Kothagudem District-507128. (rao.chengal@itc.in)
6. Guard file.