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To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 1.81 ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and up-gradation of NH-18 from Km.108/850 to 160/200 Rayachoty to Kadapa section to two lane with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R &B), NH Division, Kadapa-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 3695/Section-II/2017 dated 25.09.2017 and online application No. FP/AP/ROAD/26219/2017 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 05.10.2017. The State Government vide letter No 3695/Section.II/2017/(264415) dated 27.09.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and corrigendum issued thereafter.

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 1.81 ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and up-gradation of NH-18 from Km.108/850 to 160/200 Rayachoty to Kadapa section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R &B), NH Division, Kadapa, 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 3.72 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compt No 759 in Idupulapaya Redlacheruvu RF in Rayachoty Range from the amount already 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) Minimal disturbance should be ensured 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 State Forest Department shall raise and maintain sufficient numbers of red sanders saplings in the proposed CA land as proposed by the DFO, Kadapa Division;
- (viii) The UA shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required by consulting the DFO concerned at the project cost;
- (ix) The construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should 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;
- (x) Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- (xi) The user agency shall arrange to raise avenue plantation all along the roadside at the project cost with maintenance of 7-10 years;
- (xii) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO so as to stabilize the soil;



- (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 **1.81 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 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, Kadapa Forest Division in SI No 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 410.32 ha of forest land and 156.20 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 Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada regularly.
- (i) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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