

F.No. 4-TSB314/2022-HYD
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Sub-Office, 6th Floor, Aranya Bhavan,
Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana.

Date: November 2024

To.

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

Subject: Diversion of 1.8584 Ha of forest land in Kagaznagar division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Komarambheem Asifabad District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited - Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government Letter No.3351/For.I(1)/2022 dated 19.09.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/145452/2021 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 of even no. dated 10.11.2022. The State Government vide Letter No. No.3351/For.I(1)/2022, dated 30.09.2024 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the *In-principle* approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **Formal Approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.8584 Ha of forest land in Kagaznagar division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Komarambheem Asifabad District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited subject to following conditions:-

1. The 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 prior to handing over of the forest land to the UA. **Forest land shall be handed over to the user agency only after the demarcation is completed on the field.**
3. As the forest area proposed for diversion falls in Tiger Corridor Area, the User Agency and the State Government shall comply with all the terms & conditions as per the recommendations given in the 72nd SC-NBWL in its meeting held on 12.06.2023.
4. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.7168 ha (double the forest area diverted) at Comp.No.149 & 150 of Kondapally West beat of Loadpally Section of Penchikalpet Range of Kagaznagar division in Komarambheem-Asifabad district at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry tree species shall be

planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.

5. As per MoEF&CC letter File No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06/01/2022, projects of laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables is fully exempted provided: 1) No felling of trees is involved. 2) Area falls outside National Park/Sanctuary. NPV may be collected from the user agency only if it is applicable in the instant case.
6. 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.
7. State Government shall intimate to Sub Office, Hyderabad about the legal status of existing roads without recognized RoW as reported by the State Government within the forest areas.
8. There shall not be any tree felling in the diverted forest land by the User Agency. In case any trees are to be felled, applicable NPV shall be collected from the UA.
9. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA account of the state only through e-portal.
10. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
11. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
14. As the proposed area falls within the Tiger Corridor Area, the field work shall be carried out only after the sun rise and shall be closed before sun set every day.
15. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment. Forests & Climate Change/ State Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be complied by the UA.

Yours faithfully,

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