

F.No. 4-TSB281/2022-HYD/828

Date: 10 November, 2023

To

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

Subject: F(C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of Forest land to an extent of 1.0935 ha passing through various RFs of Nalgonda Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/S Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad-Reg

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 885/For.I(1)/2022 dated 13.05.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/142041/2021 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 dated 25.10.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 885/For.I(1)/2022 dated 25.09.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the *in-principle* approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government and noticing the satisfactory compliance of the stipulated conditions, I am directed to convey the Central Government's Formal approval (Stage-II) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.0935 ha of forest land passing through various RFs of Nalgonda Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/S Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The 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/DCF concerned. Work of the project should not start before the demarcation of proposed forest is completed.
3. Compensatory Afforestation.
 - a. Compensatory Afforestation may be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.1084 ha degraded forest land identified in Compartment No71, RF-Nellikal, Range-Nagarjunasagar, Division- Nagarjunasagar, at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry tree species shall be planted and mono culture of any species shall be avoided.



- b. Since CA is proposed within the Tiger Reserve area, plantations within the TR shall be raised as per the approved management plan.
- c. 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 provisions for anticipated cost increases for works scheduled for subsequent years.
4. The 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.
5. The Forest Department shall not allow felling of trees in the diverted forest land by the User Agency.
6. 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.
7. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
8. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
11. The fieldwork shall be carried out only after the sunrise and shall be closed before sunset every day.
12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for the execution of the project work.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

Yours faithfully,

K Bhimrao
10.11.23

(Kailash Bhimrao Bhawar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)



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