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To

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 Bhadrachalam District in favour of M/s. ITC Limited - reg.

Madam,

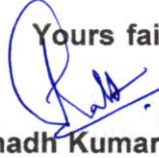
Please refer to the State Government letter No. 4457/For.I(1)/2021 dated 07.01.2022 and online Proposal No. FP/TG/Pipeline/149645/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. The project was accorded In-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 07.10.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 4457/For.I(1)/2021 dated 24.06.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval.

After careful examination and 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 4.2768 ha of forest land 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 falling in Manuguru division of Bhadrachalam District in favour of M/s. ITC Limited subject to following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 5 ha Non-Forest Land identified in Sy. No 440/18,19 & 20 of Laxmipuram Village, Burgampahad Mandal, Bhadrachalam District at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous forestry tree species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. **The NFL of 5.0 Ha shall be notified as RF/PF by the State Government within six months from the date of issue of Formal approval and submit a copy of such notification to the Sub Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad.**
4. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
5. **The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.**
6. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
10. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
11. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
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. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
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 Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
17. The approved CA land and scheme shall not be changed by the State Government without the approval of Central Government.
18. 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.

Yours faithfully


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1. The SPS to DGF & SS for kind information of DGF & SS, MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
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4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
5. M/s ITC Limited, Administration ITC LTD PSPD, Sarapaka, Burgampahad Mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem District-507 128. (rao.chengal@itc.in)
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