

भारत सरकार Government of India पर्यावरण वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय/Integrated Regional Office Aranya Bhavan, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana E-mail: iro.hyderabad-mefcc@gov.in



F. No. 4-TSB227/2021-HYD 820

Date 28<sup>th</sup>November 2022

प्रति/To,

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

विषय/Subject: Diversion of 1.99 Ha of forest land for setting up of police/CRPF camp for antiextremist operation duties in interstate bordering areas in Chennapuram (V) of Cherla (M), Bhadradri Kothagudem in favour of Superintendent of Police, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Government of Telangana-reg

महोदया/Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.3809/For.I(1)/2021 dated 23.10.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/Others/141273/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the abovementioned project. The project was accorded *in-principle* approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter No. 4-TSB227/2021-HYD/367 dated 11.02.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 3809/For.I(1)/2021 dated 12.10.2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the *in-principle* approval.

After careful examination of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's final approval *(Stage-II)* under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 1.99 Ha of forest land for setting up of police/CRPF camp for anti-extremist operation duties in interstate bordering areas in Chennapuram (V) of Cherla (M), Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of Superintendent of Police, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Government of Telangana, subject to the following conditions: -

- 1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency and report compliance within 3 months from the date of issue of this letter. Work of the project should not start before the demarcation of proposed forest is completed.

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- 3. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 4. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.0 ha Degraded-Forest Land (DFL) identified in Compartment No 296 of Naramvarigudem RF of Dammapeta Range at the cost of the user agency. CA scheme prepared shall be with 10-year maintenance. Further, the proposed activity like cultural works shall operation, protection and SMC works be taken up by the Forest Department over 5 Acres Non-Forest Land (NFL) handed over by the user agency to the forest department in Sv.No.349/1, Mandalapally village, Dammapeta Mandal of Paloncha division at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry species numbering to 2000 (minimum) shall be planted in the DFL and monoculture of any species shall be avoided. Additional amount required for CA area maintenance shall be realized from the user agency.
- 5. The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 5.00 Acres (2.00 Ha) in Sy No 349/1 Mandalapally (V), Dammapeta (M), Paloncha (D) for raising compensatory afforestation shall be notified as RF/PF within 6 months from the date of issue of Final Approval. 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, shall be submitted to report the compliance of condition.
- 6. User agency may raise strip plantation on both sides of the internal road within Police/CRPF Camp.
- 7. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 8. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer/FDO, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
- 9. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 10. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 11. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land. Construction material shall not be dumped in the forest area.
- 12. No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for 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 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.
- 15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency/ department, or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 16. In future, if the camp is not required for the police, the forest land may be handed over to forest department for raising plantation in the vacated land by the police department.
- 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.
- 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.

A condition wise compliance report on the above conditions shall be submitted by the state government within 6 months from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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- 1. The IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, New Delhi for information please
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- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CEO, CAMPA), Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
- 4. Nodal Officer (FCA), Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
- 5. The Superintendent of Police, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Government of Telangana 507101- <u>sp-kgm-bdk@tspolice.gov.in</u>
- 6. Guard file.