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To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government,  
 Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
 Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268,  
 1st Floor, 4th Block, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,  
 Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

**Subject: Diversion of 11.03 Ha in Compartment No.253 of Kavalakuntla Extn. A and B in Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division for Upgrading and widening of the existing road to two lane with paved configuration of NH-167B from Km 51/000 to 58/500 i.e from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram 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 Nos. 1481/Section.II/2020 dated 01.09.2021, No.1481/Section.II/2021/1226406 dated 12.10.2023 and No.1481/Section.II/2021/1226406 dated 17.11.2024 and online proposal No. FP/AP/ROAD/33887/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (2) of rule 6 of Van (Sanrakhsan Evan Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in its meeting held on 20/11/2024.

The project was accorded In-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter 4-APC134/2021-VIJ/536 dated 11.12.2024. The State Government vide Letter No.1481/Section.II/2021/1226406 dated 29.10.2025 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 11.03 Ha in Compartment No.253 of Kavalakuntla Extn. A and B in Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division for Upgrading and widening of the existing road

to two lane with paved configuration of NH-167B from Km 51/000 to 58/500 i.e from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer(R&B), NH Division, Kadapa subject to following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The road width shall be restricted to the appropriate width including the existing 1.65-meter gravel shoulders on both sides. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
3. The State Government shall carryout compensatory afforestation in the identified non forest land over an extent of 23 ha. (out of 24.78 ha) as per the approved CA scheme with the funds realized from the User Agency.
4. The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
5. The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of two years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval.
6. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
7. Mitigation measures as per the Approved WL mitigation plan by the CWLW, shall be implemented at the cost of the User Agency.
8. As the significant numbers of red sanders trees to be felled under the project, the State Government shall raise required number of red sanders in the nearby forest area to compensate the proposed felling of such species at the cost of the User Agency;
9. 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.
10. Suitable signages for speed regulation and animal safety will be erected along the road through forest areas.
11. Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
12. The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
13. The designing 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.
14. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
15. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the State Government.
16. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
17. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

18. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 11.03 ha.
19. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
20. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
21. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
22. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
23. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
24. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
25. The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and
26. The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights ) Acts 2006, before issue of diversion order.
27. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change Regional Office, Chennai/Sub Office, Vijayawada (Central) 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;
28. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
29. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office, Chennai/Sub Office, Vijayawada (Central) by the end of March every year regularly.
30. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
31. The User Agency has made payment Rs. 7,14,98,140/- towards CA, NPV and Cost of raising RED Sanders (Rs. 5,68,71,700/- towards CA, Rs. 1,35,51,340/- towards NPV , and Rs. 10,75,100/- towards Cost of raising RED Sanders). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.

**Digitally signed by  
Balaji Kari  
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Yours faithfully

(Balaji Kari, )

Assistant Inspector General of Forest

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