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

Sub:Diversion of 4.7231 ha of Forest Land in Kamareddy Forest Division for improvements of Banswada-Uppalwai road from km 17/080 to 18/278 & 22/180 to 23/042 in Kamareddy District in favour of EE, (R&B) Division Kamareddy- reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 40/For.I(1)/2022 dated 12.01.2022 and online Proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/37010/2018 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-1)* by the Central Government vide letter F.No. 4-TSB238/2022-HYD/701 Dated 12th September, 2022. The State Government vide letter No. 40/For.I(1)/2022 dated 13.06.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's *formal approval (Stage-II)* under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.7231 ha of Forest Land in Kamareddy Forest Division for improvement of Banswada - Uppalwai road from km 17/080 to 18/278 & 22/180 to 23/042 in Kamareddy District in favour of EE, (R&B) Division Kamareddy 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. 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 execution of work.

- 4. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 4.731 ha non-forest land identified in Sy. No 316/1, Village-Konapur, Mandal- Bibipet, District-Kamareddy and 10 ha Degraded Forest Land identified in Compartment No.257, RF-Hajipur, Beat- Konapur, Section- Rampur, Range- Banswada, at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.
- 5. 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 Acts as the case may be, shall be submitted by the State Government within 6 months of the issuance of formal approval.
- 6. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 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 raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.
- 10. The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC.
- 11. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (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.

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- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 18. 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.
- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the Forest (Conservation)
 Act, 1980 and action will be taken as per the prevalent MoEF&CC Guideline .
- 20. 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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