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To,

The Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 0.45 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.308, 309, 310 & 312 of Rapur-Yerragonda RF, Compartment No.333 of Rapur Veligonda Block "A" Extn "B" RF and Compartment No.331 of Rapur-Veligonda Block Extn "C" RF, Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in favour of Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters Nos. 913/Section.II/2022/(1705935) dated 10.05.2022 & 913/Section.II/2022/(1705935) dated: 02.12.2022 and online proposal No. FP/AP/OFC/81411/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.45 ha.** of forest land in Compartment Nos.308, 309, 310 & 312 of Rapur-Yerragonda RF, Compartment No.333 of Rapur Veligonda Block "A" Extn "B" RF and Compartment No.331 of Rapur-Veligonda Block Extn "C" RF, Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in favour of Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) **The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation & maintenance of 100 numbers of seedlings in the nearby degraded forest area at the cost of the User Agency. Detail of such DFL area i.e. kml, map, CA scheme may be submitted along with the compliance report and uploaded in the online application;**
- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.45 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;
- (v) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (vi) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- (vii) **The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same;**
- (viii) **No tree felling shall be carried out in the forest area;**
- (ix) **The State Government shall ensure prior approval from the competent authority under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 before execution of the project work and shall implement all such wildlife mitigation measures duly approved by the Chief Wildlife warden and competent authority, if any at the cost of the User Agency;**
- (x) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;



- (xi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xv) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby flora & fauna;
- (xvi) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.45** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xvii) User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xviii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, IRO, Vijayawada 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;
- (xix) Compliance report on the above conditions shall be processed and submitted through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- (xx) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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