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F.No. 4-TSB124/2018-CHN

December, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 18.083 ha of forest land in Bellampally Forest Division for excavation of Left Flank main Canal and 8-R Distributory for Neelwai Medium Irrigation Project in Mancherial District (Package No 12) in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, MIP Division, Mancherial-reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the Sta t e Government letter No. 1358/For.I(1)/2018 dated 24.04.2018 and online Proposal No. FP/TG/IRRIG/30173/2017 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 F.No. 4-TSB124/2018-CHN Dated 12th June, 2018. The State Government vide letter No. 1358/For.I(1)/2018 dated 26.04.2022 & dated 11.08.2023 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 18.083 ha of forest land in Bellampally Forest Division for excavation of Left Flank main Canal and 8-R Distributory for Neelwai Medium Irrigation Project in Mancherial District (Package No 12) in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, MIP Division, Mancherial, 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 23.2816 ha of non-forest area identified in Sy No 57 of Kammargaon Village of Penchikalpet Mandal in Kumrambheem Asifabad District and over an extent of 13 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compt No 153 of beat Kondapally South, Section Loadpally of Penchikalpet Range falling in Kadamba RF at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 4. Penal Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over an extent of 28.00 Ha of degraded forest land identified in Compt No 372 of RF Jasjjaravelly, Yellaram Beat, Nennel Section, Kushnepally Range, Bellampally Division at the cost of user agency.
- 5. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 6. Non-forest land which needs to be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act. **The Nodal**

## Officer must report compliance within a period of six months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification to this office for information and record.

- 7. Identified CA lands and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation should not be left unspent as recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC).
- 8. The State government shall submit the action taken report against the staff and submit bimonthly report to the Regional Office as per the condition imposed in the NBWL approval.
- The State Government and the user agency shall comply with the conditions imposed in clearance issued from Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife and implement/comply with the mitigation measures suggested by the NBWL, if any at the project cost.
- 10. It has been observed that the 8-R distributary is proposed to provide irrigation to the encroached forest lands, the State government shall examine legality of the same and take needful action.
- 11. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of user agency.
- 12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- 15. The User Agency shall ensure that bare minimum trees are felled on the forest land being diverted under strict supervision of State Forest Department also ensuring that trees available between full reservoir level (FRL) and FRL-4 meters are not felled; and the user agency shall under take afforestation along the periphery of the reservoir and canals (wherever feasible).
- 16. The user agency shall provide to the State Forest Department Authorities to have free rights to use the water for nursery / forestry related works and similar facilities to manage forest and fauna of the area.
- 17. Planting of indigenous tree species shall be undertaken on vacant land along the reservoirs and canals by the user agency at the project cost.
- 18. The dug out material/ overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. No storage of any material shall be done in the forest area proposed.
- 19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 18.083 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- 20. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 21. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 22. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 23. 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.
- 24. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the FDO, Bellampally Forest Division in SI No 12 (v) (a) of part II i.e 9.3 ha of forest land and 150.946 ha of degraded forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.

- 25. 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.
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.
- 28. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time shall be complied in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

Yours faithfully,

(Kailash Bhimrao Bhawar) Asst. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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- 1. The IGF (ROHQ), 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. The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, MIP Division, Bellampally Mancherial District, Telangana 504251.
- 6. Guard file