

F.No.4-TSC324/2023-HYD/885

15/December2023

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 13.195 Ha of forest land in Nalgonda division for Construction of Railway line from Vishnupuram Railway Station to (5x800MW) Yadadri Thermal Power Station and laying of raw water pipeline from river Krishna to YTPS at Veerlapalem(V), Dameracherla (M), Nalgonda District in favour of M/sTSGENCO-Reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.473/For.I(1)/2023, dt:08-02-2023 and 18.07.2023 and online application No. FP/TG/RAIL/148038/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. The project was accorded ***In-principle approval (Stage-I)*** by the Central Government vide letter no 4-TSC324/2023-HYD/716 dated, 27.09.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 473/For.I(1)/2023 dated 17.11.2023 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 13.195 Ha of forest land in Nalgonda division for Construction of Railway line from Vishnupuram Railway Station to (5x800MW) Yadadri Thermal Power Station and laying of raw water pipeline from river Krishna to YTPS at Veerlapalem(V), Dameracherla (M), Nalgonda District in favour of M/s TSGENCO subject to following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency to carryout demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted by erecting a see-through wall of concrete and Chain Link fencing along with the construction of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters in consultation with the DFO concerned. No work shall be started without demarcation of the proposed diversion.
3. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
4. **Compensatory Afforestation:**



- a. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain Compensatory Afforestation plantations in non-forest land identified over an extent of 13.2653 ha in Sy. No. 229, Yellapuram village, Tirumalagiri Sagar Mandal, Nagarjunasagar WLM division and an extent of 9.6657 Ha of degraded forest area in Compt. No. 72 of Nellikal RF of Nagarjunasagar Beat and Section of Nagarjunasagar Range at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the timeline provided in the FC Rules 2022. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
 - b. The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 13.2653 ha in Sy. No. 229, Yellapuram Village, Tirumalagiri Sagar Mandal, Nagarjunasagar WLM division mutated in the name of the Forest Department shall be notified as RF/PF under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act. 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act within 6 months of the issuance of formal approval. A copy of the same shall be submitted to the Regional Office.**
 - c. The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
5. The additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
 6. The UA/State government shall implement all mitigation measures as proposed in the Wildlife Mitigation Plan at the cost of the project. The annual report on the compliance of the same shall be submitted by the UA through the State Government to the Regional Office, Chennai/ Sub Office, Hyderabad.
 7. Two rows of avenue plantation shall be raised by the user agency on the outer boundary of the forest land diverted for laying of the pipeline (either side) at the cost of the project after laying of the pipeline.
 8. The UA shall ensure that, while transporting of coal, all wagons are covered or sprinkled with water to avoid pollution in the forest area.
 9. The UA shall undertake measures to prevent /reduce noise, dust and light pollution in the forest land surrounding the proposed diversion area.



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- 10. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.**
11. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Forest Area.
12. Tree felling shall be carried out wherever necessary under strict supervision of the DFO.
13. While executing the project, earth cutting involves the excavation of a huge quantity of materials, hence a proper disposal plan to dispose of such excavated material shall be implemented in consultation with the DFO concerned and the UA shall not take soil from the nearby forest areas for execution of the project. The Debris/muck and construction waste generated during the construction phase shall not be stored/disposed in the forest area. It shall be disposed in designated waste disposal facility of the state government.
14. SMC plan shall be implemented at the project cost to check soil erosion.
15. The user agency shall provide suitable number and type of under / over passes in Forest Area for seamless movement of wild animals in consultation with the DFO.
16. The UA / State Government shall implement all mitigation measures as proposed in the Wildlife Mitigation plan at the cost of the project. The annual report on the compliance of the same shall be submitted by the UA through the State Government.
- 17. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.**
18. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 19. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.**
20. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
21. 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.
22. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the concerned DFO.
23. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
24. 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.



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25. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
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. 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.
28. 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.
29. The user agency and State government shall implement any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change or its Regional/ Sub Office may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

A compliance report on the conditions imposed above may be submitted by the user agency to the Regional/Sub Office, Hyderabad during and after the completion of the execution of the project through the state forest department.

Yours faithfully


15.12.23

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