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To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 3.8561 Ha of forest land in Asifabad division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Asifabad division of Komarambheem Asifabad District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited -Reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter no. 5142/For.I(1)/2022 dated 19.10.2022 and online Proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/145010/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's **In-principle Approval (Stage-I)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3.8561 Ha of forest land in Asifabad division for Laying of OFC along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in Asifabad division of Komarambheem Asifabad District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The DFO/FDO concerned shall ensure that no violation of F(C) Act, 1980 takes place in the proposed forest area.
3. The 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 by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned and report compliance.
4. The forest land shall not be handed over to the user agency till the final approval/ working permission is accorded for diversion by the competent authority.
5. **Compensatory Afforestation**
 - a. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the identified 8.00 ha of degraded forest land (Compartment No. 225, Chichupally Beat & Section of Manikgarh RF, Asifabad Range, Komarambheem Asifabad District) 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.

- b. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per the compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provisions for anticipated cost increases for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- c. The identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.

6. Net Present Value:

- a. **The State Government shall realize the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the guidelines given in Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued by the Ministry in accordance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's order dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 in the matter of T. N. Godavarman Thirumalpad vs. Union of India.**
 - b. **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.**
7. **The state government and the user agency shall comply with all the prescribed conditions in NBWL approval.**
 8. **The wildlife mitigation plan duly approved by the NBWL/SBWL/CWLW shall be implemented by the State Government at the cost of the user agency.**
 9. No Tree felling shall be done in the proposed forest land as indicated in the proposal.
 10. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 11. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to the CAMPA fund only through e-portal.
 12. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
 13. The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meters below the ground and after lying down of the cable, the ground shall be levelled.
 14. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
 16. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 17. 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.
 18. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 19. 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.

20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the 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. 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.
21. The user agency shall not violate any of the provisions of FCA, 1980 and Rules/ Guidelines made there under.\

The In-principle approval accorded is valid for 2 years from the date of issue and within this period the compliance report shall be submitted to the Central government for considering the issue of Formal approval (Stage-II).

Yours faithfully

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