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To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 10.841 Ha (revised from 9.9985 Ha) of land for formation of road from Manala to Marrimadla Road from Km 1/0 to 9/0 & Improvements to Mendora crossing to Rudrangi Via Manala road from Km.29/7 to 30/5 in Rajanna Siricilla District in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle, Karimnagar-Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 3953/For.I (1)/2021 dated 09.11.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/138479/2021 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.

The User Agency proposed for construction of road from Manala to Marrimadla Road from Km 1/0 to 9/0 & Improvements to Mendora crossing to Rudrangi Via Manala road from Km.29/7 to 30/5 in Rajanna Siricilla District with the dimensions of **7743.55 m length and 10 m width**. It is proposed to have **3.5m carriage way (BT portion) plus 1.75 m shoulder each on either side of road and 1.5m sloping on either side from the shoulder in the Bheemgal RF area**.

After careful consideration of the proposal and recommendation by the Regional Empowered Committee of IRO, Hyderabad, I am directed to convey the Central Government's *In-Principle* approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **7.7436 ha as against 10.841 ha** for formation of road from Manala to Marrimadla from Km 1/0 to 9/0 & improvements to Mendora crossing to Rudrangi Via Manala road from Km.29/7 to 30/5 in Rajanna Siricilla District in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle, Karimnagar, 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 jointly by the SFD and the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency before commencement of the work.

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(iii) **COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION**

- a. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation in the identified degraded forest land over an extent of **8.50 ha.** in compartment No 172/1 of Konaraopet East Beat of Chandurthi Mallial Range and over an equivalent Non-Forest Land (7.7436 Ha) identified for Compensatory Afforestation in Sy. No 116/1/3 and/or 117/1/2 situated in Kondapur village of Konaraopet Mandal, Rajanna Siricilla District at the cost of the User Agency. Revised CA scheme for the equivalent NFL and identified DFL area may be prepared by the SFD as per the prevailing norms.
- b. The Non-Forest Land and Degraded Forest Land identified for CA purpose shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.

(iv) **NET PRESENT VALUE:**

- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **7.7436 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and **revised NPV as per the Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022.**
 - b. 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.
- (v) 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/>).
 - (vi) The User Agency and SFD shall implement the Wildlife mitigation plan duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden of Telangana State.
 - (vii) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost.
 - (viii) Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper or deviate the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.



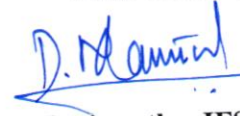
- (ix) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the technical requirement within the forest area to be diverted in consultation with the DFO concerned.
- (x) The dugout material/overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area.
- (xi) The User Agency shall fell the trees as per the revised enumeration list (266 number of trees only) and endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized to the extent possible. Wherever necessary, felling shall be carried out under the strict supervision of the DFO/FDO concerned. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency.
- (xii) Speed regulating signages and speed breakers shall be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Area by the User Agency.
- (xiii) No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xiv) The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and **no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.**
- (xv) It shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not cause any damage to the nearby forest flora and fauna.
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **7.7436 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (xvii) 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.
- (xviii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xix) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad 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.



- (xx) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing Act/Rules and MoEF&CC Guideline.
- (xxi) Compliance report shall be submitted through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

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


(D. Manjunatha, IFS) 11/5/22

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