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Date 16th November 2022

प्रति/To,

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

विषय/Subject: Diversion of 1.8584 Ha of forest land in Kaghaznagar division for Laying of OFC along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Komaram Bheem Asifabad District in favour of TELANGANA FIBER GRID CORPORATION LIMITED- Reg

महोदया/Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 3351/For.I(1)/2022 dated 19.09.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/145452/2021 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. The state government submitted that the proposed alignment falls both in admitted RoW and outside RoW and the entire alignment is passing through the Tiger Corridor Area.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, 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 1.8584 Ha of forest land in Kaghaznagar division for Laying of OFC along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in Komaram Bheem Asifabad District in favour of TELANGANA FIBER GRID CORPORATION LIMITED, subject to the following conditions: -

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO/DCF concerned.
3. As the forest area proposed for diversion falls in Tiger Corridor Area, approval under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 from the concerned competent authority shall be obtained by the user agency. Working permission may not be given by the State Government until the approval under W(P)A, 1972 is obtained for the project.

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4. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land/degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation is handed over/identified respectively by the user agency.

5. Compensatory Afforestation

- a. In terms of para 2.5 (i) (b) of the Guidelines, Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.7168 ha (double the forest area diverted) of suitable degraded forest land to be identified by the State Forest Department, at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry tree species shall be planted and mono culture of any species shall be avoided.
- b. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per 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 provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

6. Net Present Value:

- a. As per MoEF&CC letter No. File No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022, projects of laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables is fully exempted provided:
 - 1) No felling of trees is involved
 - 2) Area falls outside National Park / Sanctuary.
 - b. 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. **State Government shall intimate to IRO, Hyderabad about the legal status of existing roads without recognized RoW as reported by the state government within the forest areas.**
 8. There shall not be any tree felling in the diverted forest land by the User Agency. In case any trees are to be felled, applicable NPV shall be collected from the UA.
 9. The User Agency and the State Government shall comply with all the terms & conditions as per the recommendations of competent authority under W(P)A, 1972.
 10. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA account of the state only through e-portal.



11. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
12. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
15. As the proposed area falls within the Tiger Corridor Area, the field work shall be carried out only after the sun rise and shall be closed before sun set every day.
16. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
17. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
18. 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.
19. 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 prevalent guideline and as per Guideline F. No. 11- 42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
20. 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 compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<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 2 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 2 years without any further notice.

Yours faithfully,



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1. IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, New Delhi for information please.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CEO, CAMPA), Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
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6. Guard file.

