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Date 13th December, 2018

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 45.1009 ha (revised from 45.0032 ha) of forest land in Asifabad, Bellampally and Peddapally Division for the construction of Warora Pool-Warangal (New) 765 kv D/C Transmission line in favour of Warora Kurnool Transmission line (WKTL)-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 3904/For.I(1)/2018 dated 25.09.2018 and online application No. FP/TG/TRANS/27465/2017 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.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), 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 45.1009 ha (revised from 45.0032 ha) of forest land in Asifabad, Bellampally and Peddapally Division for the construction of Warora Pool-Warangal (New) 765 kv D/C Transmission line in favour of Warora Kurnool Transmission line (WKTL), subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. 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 at the project cost before the Stage II approval;
3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over **34.10 ha** of degraded forest land i.e. **15 ha** in Compt No 273 Khansaipet beat, Eklapur Section & **19.10 ha** (total area is 20 ha & 0.90 ha is stated to be difficult area) in Compt No 282 Gopalpur Beat, Kammampally section of Manthani Range of Peddapally Division, over an extent of **28.40 ha** of degraded forest area in Compt No 407 of RF Kunchevelly of Beat Girelly of section Girelly of Rebbena

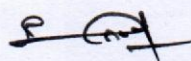
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Range and over an extent of **27.60 ha** of degraded forest area in Bellampally RF of Bellampally Range at the cost of the User Agency;

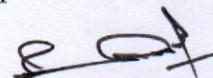
4. Minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted area shall be planted in the identified CA land. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
5. The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA should not be left unspent as recommended by the REC;
6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **45.1009 ha** from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;
7. Additional amount of 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;
8. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and any money received in compliance of the conditions stipulated by the Central Government under this project shall compulsorily be deposited in to the **"State Compensatory Afforestation Fund of Telangana State" only**;
9. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line as scheme proposed by the DFOs of Peddapally, Bellampally and Asifabad Forest Divisions;
10. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 67 mtrs;
11. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

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13. The mitigative measures as proposed in the proposal shall be carried out by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
14. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
15. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will 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;
16. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the transmission lines;
17. **In case the Standing Committee of NBWL does not approve the clearance under WL Act for an area of 3.1142 ha falling in Tiger Corridor, then UA shall choose alternative alignment to execute the project;**
18. In case the portion of the transmission line to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
19. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
20. **No working permit shall be issued by the State Government before submission of RoFR certificate for the entire area and NBWL clearances for area falling in Tiger Corridor area of Kawal Tiger Reserve;**
21. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of the User Agency;
22. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and 19th September, 2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
23. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **45.1009 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in

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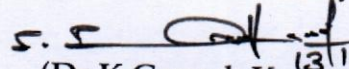


the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

24. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Peddapally, Bellampally and Asifabad Forest Divisions shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
25. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai 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;
26. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

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.

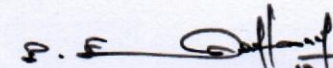
Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar) 13/12/18

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. M/s. Warora Kurnool Transmission line (WKTL), A 26/3, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, Near Sarita Vihar Metro Station, Delhi south 110044.
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