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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 12.03 ha for laying of Railway Track from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem OCP -III in Bhadradri- Kothagudem District in Compt No 23 of Karepally RF, Karepally Range, Kothagudem Forest Division, in favour of M/s SCCL-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 3737/For.I(1)/2018 dated 20.09.2018 and online application No. FP/TG/RAIL/20792/2016 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.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and as recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **12.03 ha** for laying of Railway Track from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem OCP -III in Bhadradri- Kothagudem District in Compt No 23 of Karepally RF, Karepally Range, Kothagudem Forest Division, in favour of M/s SCCL, 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 at the cost of User Agency;
3. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over **24.06 ha** of degraded forest land identified in Compt No 30 of Koppuram Beat, Muralipadu Section of Tekulapalli Range, at the cost of the User Agency;
4. In view of the anticipated disturbance in the proposed Forest area for diversion, the User Agency i.e. SCCL shall carry out afforestation and maintenance of the degraded Forest area surrounding the proposed track over an area of **100 hectares**.

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Date 13/12/18 RSL

The State Government shall permit the SCCL to carry out the plantation during the first year of project implementation itself. Map along with the DGPS co-ordinates of the degraded forest shall be furnished to this office;

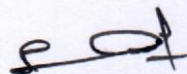
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **12.03 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;
6. Additional 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 User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
7. 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**;
8. The UA has shall complete the process of R & R package to the RoFR title holders as per the policy of the State Government before commencement of the work;
9. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the forest area;
10. The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;
11. 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;
12. The User Agency shall restrict felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of the felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
13. The User Agency shall provide suitable under / over passes in the Forest area, wherever necessary, at the project cost in consultation with the Forest Department;

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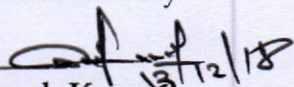
14. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
15. Speed regulating signages shall be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Forest areas;
16. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of User Agency;
17. Work shall be taken up only during day time;
18. No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material for execution of the project work;
19. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government;
20. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **12.03 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;
21. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
22. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
23. The Progress of the Compensatory under the jurisdiction of the Kothagudem Forest Division shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
24. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), 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;
25. 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.

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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.

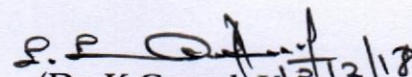
Yours faithfully


(Dr. K Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
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 SCCL, Head Office, Kothagudem Collieries, Bhadrachalam Road Railway Station, Khammam District, Telangana-507101.
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