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F.No. 4-TSB298/2022-HYD/**(S)** Date 14th December, 2022

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.8819 Ha of forest land in Amangal division for Formation of approach road from Nagarjunasagar main road to reach the VipasyanaMeditation Centre and Other Residential Dwelings situated in different Sy.nos of Sahebnagar (v) of Hayathnagar (M) in Rangareddy District in Favour of Sri.Satya Prakash Rao..reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 255/For.I(1)/2022 dated 16.11.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/147456/2021 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.

State of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O RT No.189 dated 16.02.1979 accorded permission for use of 60 ft wide access road exclusively by the Vipassana Meditation Centre (Prior to enactment of Forest Conservation Act, 1980). As this approval is not for other users, the present User Agency had submitted the proposal for diversion of the forest land for road access to their private property.

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 0.8819 Ha (481.9 mtrs length with 18.30 mtrs width) of forest land in Amangal division for Formation of approach road from Nagarjunasagar main road to reach the VipasyanaMeditation Centre and Other Residential Dwelling's situated in different Sy.nos of Sahebnagar (v) of Hayathnagar (M) in Rangareddy District in favour of Sri.Satya Prakash Rao, 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 by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency;

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COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION:

- iii. As per the undertaking submitted by the User Agency, equivalent non-forest land (0.8819 ha) contiguous to existing forest land in Telangana shall be identified for CA purpose and such non-forest land shall be mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and handed over to the SFD. The SFD shall prepare CA Scheme for the NFL handed over to SFD and submit along with the compliance report.
- iv. The details of non-forest area to be identified for CA purpose, i.e., Map, CA scheme, kml file, soil suitability certificate etc. shall be submitted along with the compliance report and to be uploaded in the online application;
- v. As the CA land and scheme are not yet finalized, the **State Government shall not accord working permission in the instant proposal to avoid a situation of** *fait accompli* and also ensure that there is no road work carried out by the user agency in the proposed forest area till the final approval is accorded.

NET PRESENT VALUE:

- vi. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.8819** 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 and revised NPV as per the Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;
- vii. 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;
- viii. 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/);
 - ix. No display of advertisement / any such boards shall be erected in the forest area proposed for diversion.
 - x. The User Agency shall ensure no plastic waste / any garbage dumped in the forest area;
 - xi. In the entrance of the road, display board clearly indicating the details of diversion and legal status of the land being diverted shall be erected to sensitize the public on applicability of the rules / regulation to be followed inside the forest area;
- xii. The road shall be formed in a width of 40-50 feet (including BT, Shoulders and Drainage) and remaining width of 5 feet on either side of the road shall be used for raising strip plantation. Further, no median should be constructed in this road to facilitate easy movement of wild animals from one side to the other side of the forest;

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- xiii. Two animal underpasses shall be constructed in consultation with the DFO concerned for uninterrupted movement of animals living in the forest area, by the User Agency.
- xiv. The forest area proposed to be diverted for the approach road shall be fenced with chain-link fencing on either side of the road throughout the length of the road to avoid any collision of vehicles and the wild animals;
- xv. Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- xvi. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided in consultation with the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- xvii. The dug-out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- xviii. The road shall be under the administrative control of SFD and will be allowed to be used by all public without any conditions by the User Agency.
- xix. During the period between 2017 to 2020 (prior to filing this application for diversion), there is some permanent road formation and further removal is noticed based on the Google images, this matter may be examined by the Forest department and action taken, if there is any violation of Forest Acts occurred.
- xx. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxi. 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;
- xxii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.8819** 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.
- xxiii. 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;
- xxiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- xxv. 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.
- xxvi. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;
- xxvii. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/);

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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 **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.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Manjunatha)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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- 3. IGF (ROHQ). MoEF&CC, New Delhi for information.
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