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Date 16th September, 2022

To,

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

Subject:

Diversion of 1.018 Ha (Revised from 1.388 Ha) of forest land for Construction of BT road from Vanjariguda to Geethabanda from Km 0/0 to 2/958 of Lingapur Mandal, Kawal RF, Asifabad forest Division of Komaram Bheem Asifabad District in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B division, Komaram Bheem Asifabad-Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 8/For.I(1)/2022 dated 12.01.2022 and online proposal No. P/TG/ROAD/119580/2021 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 Forest area proposed for diversion of forest land for Construction of BT road from Vanjariguda to Geethabanda from Km 0/0 to 2/958 with dimension of 1851.16 m length and 3.75 m width of Semi-Dense Bituminous Concrete with 0.875 m embankment/shoulder on either side of road (total width of 5.5 m).

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 1.018 Ha of forest land for Construction of BT road from Vanjariguda to Geethabanda from Km 0/0 to 2/958 of Lingapur Mandal, Kawal RF, Asifabad forest Division of Komaram Bheem Asifabad District in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B division, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged
- 2. As the forest area proposed for diversion falls in Tiger Reserve, Working permission shall not be given by the State Government until SC-NBWL clearance is received for the proposal.
- 3. Forest land shall be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency and also the clearance issued by the SC-NBWL.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Compensatory afforestation
 - a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over equivalent non-forest land identified in Sy. No 322, Village-Pangidimadhara,

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Mandal-Tiryani, District- Komaram Bheem Asifabad and 1.018 ha degraded forest land identified in Compartment No.55, Beat-Itikalpahad, Section-Makidi, Range- Sirpur, at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

- b. The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, shall be submitted by the State Government.
- c. 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. NPV:

- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for 1.018 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006- FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- 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. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the forest land proposed to be diverted and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 8. The user agency shall comply with all the terms& conditions as per the recommendations of CWLW / SC-NBWL.
- 9. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to designated CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
- 10. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 11. Speed regulating signage /speed breakers shall be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.
- 12. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

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- 13. The layout plan/ alignment 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. Sufficient firewood, preferably alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 16. No additional or new path shall 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 Guidelines.
- 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Shri Kailash B. Bhawar, IFS)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to: -

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- 2. The IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi.
- 3. The Executive Engineer, R&B division, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Telangana
- 4. Guard file.