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Date :16th March, 2022

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.624 Ha of Forest Land for construction of six lane elevated corridor from Km 7/950 (Uppal) to Km 14/200 of NH-163 (Uppal) to de-congest the Urban Limits of Hyderabad-Bhoopalapatnam Section on EPC mode in favour of Chief Engineer, Regional Officer, Hyderabad MoRTH, GoI- Regarding.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 3386/For.I(1)/2021 dated 27.10.2021, 3386/For.I(1)/2021 dated 04.01.2022 and 3386/For.I(1)/2021 dated 23.02.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/41992/2019 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 considering the importance of the project, 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 **0.624 Ha** of Forest Land for construction of six lane elevated corridor from Km 7/950 (Uppal) to Km 14/200 of NH-163 (Uppal) to de-congest the Urban Limits of Hyderabad-Bhoopalapatnam Section on EPC mode in favour of Chief Engineer, Regional Officer, Hyderabad MoRTH, GoI, subject to the following conditions:-

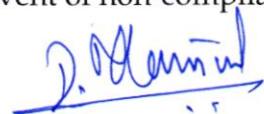
- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency.
- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation over an extent of **2.00 ha** of degraded forest area in Compt.No.252, Medipally-II RF, Medipally beat, Uppal Section and Range of Medchal division as proposed at the cost of the User Agency.

- (iv) Degraded forest land identified for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (v)
- A. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the **0.624 ha** forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 in this regards.
- 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.
- (vi) The existing two-lane road was reported to be widened to four lane in the year 2005 within the admitted RoW of 60 feet (as admitted in the RF notification) by R&B department without obtaining permission. Hence State Government shall report action taken on R&B/Forest officials who are responsible for the works carried out in violation of FCA, 1980. A detailed report on action taken by the State Government on violators be submitted along with supporting documents.
- (vii) 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/>).
- (viii) The User Agency shall endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized to the extent possible. Wherever necessary, felling shall be carried out under the strict supervision of the DFO/ FDO concerned.
- (ix) Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency.
- (x) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the technical requirements in consultation with the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil.
- (xi) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area.



- (xii) The User Agency/SFD shall arrange to raise strip plantation using native tree species on either side of the road at the project cost and maintain the same for 10 years.
- (xiii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xiv) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
- (xv) It shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not cause any damage to the nearby forest flora & fauna.
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.624 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.
- (xvii) 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.
- (xviii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xix) 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.
- (xx) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing Acts/Rules and MoEF&CC Guideline F.No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- (xxi) 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 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,



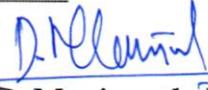
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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

16/3/2022

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