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To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 13.945 ha (9.038 ha in Nirmal Division and 4.907 ha in Khanapur Division) of forest land for widening and strengthening of existing intermediate lane / two lane to two lane with paved shoulders from km 678+555 to km 699+655 of Nirmal to Khanapur section of NH 61 extended in the State of Telangana under NH 61 extended in the State of Telangana under NH(O) through EPC mode in favour of the Regional Officer, MoRTH Hyderabad - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos.1897/For.I(1)/2021 dated 11.06.2021 and Letter No. 816/2021FCA.1 dated 06.07.2021 of the PCCF (HoFF) Telangana vide letter dated and online proposal No.FP/TG/ROAD/126851/2021 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.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and as recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 13.945 ha (9.038 ha in Nirmal Division and 4.907 ha in Khanapur Division) of forest land for widening and strengthening of existing intermediate lane / two lane to two lane with paved shoulders from km 678+555 to km 699+655 of Nirmal to Khanapur section of NH 61 extended in the State of Telangana under NH 61 extended in the State of Telangana under NH(O) through EPC mode in favour of the Regional Officer, MoRTH Hyderabad, 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 **35.00 ha** in degraded forest area in Compt. No. 101 of Kadamba RF, Kanki Beat, Koutala Section of Sirpur Range of Kagaznagar Forest Division 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) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **13.945 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;
- (vi) 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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (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) Felling of tree 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) Required number of Animal Passages with appropriate specifications as per the MoEF and WII guidelines shall be constructed at the cost of the User Agency in consultation with forest department for easy movement of wild animals;
- (xi) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;



- (xii) 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;
- (xiii) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- (xiv) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xv) The User Agency shall raise and maintain multiple row avenue plantation as per NH model on either side of the road to the extent of double the number of trees felled as recommended by the CCF / Field Director, Project Tiger, Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal;
- (xvi) Width of the road at specific chainages shall be as per the recommendations of the Forest Divisional Officers of the Khanapur and Nirmal Forest Division;
- (xvii) The chain link fencing shall be placed on either side of the passage of both side of road to a length of 100 m in a funnel model for diverting of Wildlife towards animal pass to cross the road;
- (xviii) The User Agency shall clear all the debris at the under pass and surroundings area immediately after the work completions and also periodically every 04 months;
- (xix) Animal crossing and speed limit signs of 30 KMPH in forest areas shall be erected;
- (xx) The speed control structures such as Rumble strips as is done in NH shall be placed at every 01 Km of road passing through Forest area.
- (xxi) Kindling of any fire in forest shall not be allowed and work of upgradation shall be done between **7AM to 5 PM** only;
- (xxii) Mitigation plan shall be revised to 10 years against the 3 years as proposed by the State Government and revised plan shall be submitted to IRO, Hyderabad along with the compliance report;



- (xxiii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxiv) 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;
- (xxv) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall 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;
- (xxvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **13.945 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;
- (xxvii) 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;
- (xxviii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xxix) 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;
- (xxx) 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;
- (xxxi) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.
- (xxxii) The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online(<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,



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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