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Dated 26 June, 2017

To,

The Principle Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District-522238.

Subject: Diversion of 0.99 ha of forest land in Compt.No.132 of Mangalagiri Block in Tadepalli RF for construction of 132/33 KV Sub-station, AIIMS at Mangalagiri in Guntur District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, AP TRANSCO, Guntur-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.2195/Section-II/2017 dated 08.06.2017 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, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.99 ha of forest land in Compt.No.132 of Mangalagiri Block in Tadepalli RF for construction of 132/33 KV Sub-station, AIIMS at Mangalagiri in Guntur District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, AP TRANSCO, Guntur, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
- (ii) The 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.
- (iii) State Forest Department shall raise and maintain two times the trees to be felled in the proposed forest land for diversion in nearby degraded forest land at the cost of the user agency.

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- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.99 ha from 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.
- (v) 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. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vi) The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the **Corporation bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website.**
- (vii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
- (viii) No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused while executing the project work.
- (ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (x) Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.
- (xi) The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of user agency.
- (xii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.99 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (xiii) 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.

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- (xiv) The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under all other Acts, Rules/Regulation and Guidelines as may be applicable to such project. 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.
- (xv) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO Guntur Division in Sl No 12(v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 591.945 ha forest land and 68.382 ha of non forest land 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.
- (xvi) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of 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.
- (xvii) The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly.
- (xviii) 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.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. 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 Andhra Pradesh, Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509

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3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, , Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
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