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To,

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

Subject: **Diversion of 24.7539 ha against 189.6808 ha proposed in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tracks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial Districts in favour of South Central Railway Secunderabad-reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter 471/For.I(1)/2019 dated 16.02.2019 and online application No. FP/TG/RAIL/34624/2018 seeking prior approval of the Government of India for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) and after careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey the in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval of the Government of India under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **24.7539 ha against 189.6808 ha proposed (i.e. reuse of 7.6436 ha within the already diverted forest area during 1982 and 17.1103 ha within the forest area in possession with railways)** in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tracks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial Districts in favour of South Central Railway Secunderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the identified double the degraded forest area at the cost of the User Agency. The CA scheme prepared for the forest blocks with an area of 25 ha in Asifabad Division

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with estimated outlay of Rs.240.654 lakhs and an area of 25 ha in Kagaznagar Forest Division with an financial outlay of Rs. 226.374 lakhs, submitted by the PCCF Telangana may not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. As far as possible, a mixture of local, indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;

4. 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, 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;
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 24.7539 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 and (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;
6. 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. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land 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. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
9. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
10. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
11. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;

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12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
13. Sufficient firewood, preferably the 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;
14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
17. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
18. The UA shall obtain Wildlife Clearance for the proposed 3rd BG line area before commencing the work as the line appears to be passing through the Tiger corridor. Wildlife mitigation measures and other precautionary measures as required for linear projects for protection of wildlife have to be carried out by the State Forest Department at the project cost;
19. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
20. The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outsides the forest area;
21. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
22. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of User Agency;
23. Work shall be taken up only during day time;
24. The User Agency shall construct enough number of bridges for connecting the wild life corridors on either side of railway track at the project cost in consultation

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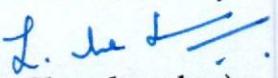
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with the Forest Department. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

25. In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wild animals, especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals;
26. Appropriate soil conservation measures shall be taken to reduce silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impact on the water bodies;
27. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **24.7539 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;
28. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
29. Any other condition that the Additional DGF (Central), 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;
30. 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 DGF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

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 noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully

  
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