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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.8621 ha** (revised from 1.0108 ha) in various RFs of Siddipet forest division of Siddipet District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad – **In - principle (Stage-I) approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.143

Dated:12-10-2022

Read the following:-

1. Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019 and amendments issued therein.
2. From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyderabad, Rc.No.PCCFFC3/FC15/93/202 2-FCA Section, Dt.15.09.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.8621 ha**(revised from 1.0108 ha) in various RFs of Siddipet forest division of Siddipet District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad.

2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Government of India in the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage.I) approval** Proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.8621 ha**(revised from 1.0108 ha) in various RFs of Siddipet forest division of Siddipet District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad, subject to compliance of the following conditions:

- I. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- II. **Demarcation of the forest land diverted:** The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for which shall be deposited by the User Agency with the forest department as assessed by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer;
- III. **Compensatory Afforestation:**
  - a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **0.8621 ha** degraded forest land Compartment No.230 of Allipur RF of Allipur Beat of Chinnkodur Section of Siddipet Range at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

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- IV. 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.
- V. **Net Present Value:**
- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the **0.8621 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.
- VI. No tree felling and branch cutting shall be carried out by the User agency;
- VII. User Agency shall fulfill the conditions stipulated in Part II, Part III and Part IV and also covering letters, inspections notes of the proposals;
- VIII. The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2 m and width shall not be more than 0.4 m and after laying down of optical fiber cable the ground shall be leveled. The cable line should be laid atleast 1.5 meter below the ground;
- IX. Disturbance should be kept minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- X. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- XI. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- XII. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency;
- XIII. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;

- XIV. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;
- XV. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/ PCCF(HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- XVI. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.8621 ha** and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- XVII. The User Agency to make good the land after use/ maintenance;
- XVIII. The User Agency to make good any loss to forests / environment;
- XIX. The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;
- XX. Work should be carried out during day time only;
- XXI. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- XXII. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- XXIII. 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 in F.No.11-42/2017-FC, Dt.29.01.2018 and F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019.

4. After receipt of the compliance on the above-mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle (stage-I) approval shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of issue of this G.O. in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, the in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after two years.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, is therefore, directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To/  
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:-**

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SECTION OFFICER.