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Date 24 July, 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 0.03 ha of forest land in Gudlavanipalem Forest Block of Visakhapatnam Range & Division for construction of Dhobikana near Jodugullapalem (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.878/Section-II/2017 dated 22.06.2017 seeking prior approval of the Central Government 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 hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (Stage-I) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.03 ha of forest land in Gudlavanipalem Forest Block of Visakhapatnam Range & Division for construction of Dhobikana near Jodugullapalem (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam, 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 constructing cement concrete wall at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.030 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.
- (iv) 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.

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- (v) The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project including levies towards mitigation measures for wildlife conservation etc shall be deposited in the respective 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.**
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (viii) Felling of trees shall not be carried out by the User Agency.
- (ix) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- (x) User agency shall ensure that no damage to the flora & fauna present in the adjacent forest area is caused by the people likely to use the proposed Dhobikana.
- (xi) Discharge of any kind from the Dhobikana shall not be channelled in to the adjacent forest area. User agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (xii) Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Visakhapatnam in Sl No 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e. forest land of 35.81 ha and non forest land of 312.00 ha 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.
- (xiii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.03 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- (xiv) User agency and the State Government shall obtain all other necessary clearances including the Coastal Regulatory Zone clearance, if applicable and shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

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- (xv) 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.
- (xvi) 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 noncompliance 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
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.
5. The Executive Engineer, O/o the Commissioner, Thenneti Bhavan, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh-500020
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