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To,

The Principal 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, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 0.21 ha of forest land for laying of optical fiber cable between Eluru and Kaikaluru for providing high speed communication & data service to Government and non government and public use is favour of Divisional Engineer OFP, BSNL, Vijayawada.-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 247/Section.II/2021 dated 15.03.2021 and online proposal No. FP/AP/OFC/41711/2019 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 to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.21 ha of forest land for laying of optical fiber cable between Eluru and Kaikaluru for providing high speed communication & data service to Government and non government and public use is favour of Divisional Engineer OFP, BSNL, Vijayawada, subject to the following conditions:-

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

1. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders

of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.

2. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
3. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
4. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
5. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019;

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
3. No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;
4. The cable line shall be laid 165 cm below the ground level as proposed and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same. The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 3795 mtr length and 30 cm width.



5. **As the area proposed for diversion is falling within Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary, prior approval of the competent authority under Wildlife Act, 1972 shall be obtained before execution of the project work.**
6. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. 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.
9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.21 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
11. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
12. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
14. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
15. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in



16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year; and
17. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

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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