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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 13.195 Ha of forest land in Nalgonda division for Construction of Railway line from Vishnupuram Railway Station to (5x800MW) Yadadri Thermal Power Station and laying of raw water pipeline from river Krishna to YTPS at Veerlapalem(V), Dameracherla (M), Nalgonda District in favour of M/s TSGENCO-reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.473/For.I(1)/2023, dt:08-02-2023 and 18.07.2023 and online application No. FP/TG/RAIL/148038/2021, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above- mentioned project.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) after careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **13.195 Ha** of forest land in Nalgonda division for Construction of Railway line (Railway siding) from Vishnupuram Railway Station to (5x800MW) Yadadri Thermal Power Station and laying of raw water pipeline from river Krishna to YTPS at Veerlapalem(V), Dameracherla (M), Nalgonda District in favour of M/s TSGENCO, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The DFO/FDO concerned shall ensure that no work shall takes place in the proposed forest area until the Central Government's formal approval (Stage-II) is issued.
3. Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting a see-through wall of concrete and Chain link fencing along with the construction of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned and report compliance.

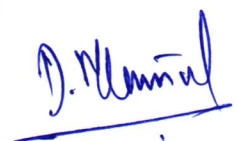
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4. Compensatory Afforestation

- a. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain compensatory afforestation plantations in non-forest land identified over an extent of 13.2653 ha in Sy.No. 229, Yellapuram village, Tirumalagiri Sagar Mandal, Nagarjunasagar WLM division and an extent of 9.6657 Ha of degraded forest area in Compt.No. 72 of Nellikal RF of Nagarjunasagar Beat and Section of Nagarjunasagar Range at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the timeline provided in the FC Rules 2022.
- b. The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 13.2653 ha in Sy.No. 229, Yellapuram Village, Tirumalagiri Sagar Mandal, Nagarjunasagar WLM division shall be transferred and mutated in the name of the Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act, shall be submitted by the State Government along with the compliance report.
- c. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per the 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 by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provisions for anticipated cost increases for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- d. The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.

5. Net Present Value:

- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for 13.195 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, 5- 3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and revised NPV as per the Ministry's guideline No.5- 3/2011- FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022.
 - 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.
6. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);



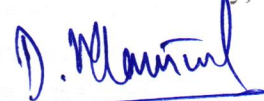
7. The UA / State Government shall implement all mitigation measures as proposed in the Wildlife Mitigation plan at the cost of the project. The annual report on the compliance of the same shall be submitted by the UA through the State Government.
8. Two rows of avenue plantation shall be raised by the user agency on the outer boundary of the forest land diverted for laying of the pipeline (either side) at the cost of the project.
9. The UA shall ensure that, while transporting of coal, all wagons are covered or sprinkled with water to avoid pollution in the forest area.
10. The UA shall undertake measures to prevent/ reduce noise, dust and light pollution in the forest land surrounding the proposed diversion area.
11. Tree felling shall be carried out wherever necessary under strict supervision of the DFO concerned.
12. While executing the project, earth cutting involves the excavation of a huge quantity of materials, hence proper disposal plan to dispose of such excavated material shall be implemented in consultation with the DFO concerned and the UA shall not take soil from the nearby forest areas for execution of the project and no additional path/road shall be made to execute the project. The Debris/Muck and construction waste generated during the construction phase shall not be stored/ disposed in the forest area. It shall be disposed in designated waste disposal facility of the state government.
13. A proper SMC plan shall be prepared and implemented to check soil erosion, at the project cost;
14. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Area.
15. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
16. **The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.**
17. 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;
18. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for the execution of the project work;
19. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
20. 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;
21. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
22. Materials to be used for the construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;



23. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
24. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **13.195 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;
25. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable in Forest lands.
26. The user agency shall obtain all the permissions as applicable to the project from the concerned competent authorities.
27. Any other condition that the DDGF (Central) Regional Office, Chennai or Sub Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied with by the User Agency.
28. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing provisions.
29. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-Portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

The in-principle approval (Stage-I) is valid for two years from the date of issue. After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for formal approval (stage- II).

Yours faithfully,



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Deputy Inspector General of
Forests (Central)

27/09/2023

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1. SPS to DGF&SS for kind information of DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
3. PCCF / Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. IGF, ROHQ, MOEF&CC, New Delhi for information
5. Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited, Room No 258, A Block, Vidyut Soudha Hyderabad, Telangana 500082 cecthermal2@yahoo.com
6. Guard file.