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Date 29th January, 2024

To,

The Special Chief 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-522503

Subject: Diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.282 of Tripuranthakapuram RF, Sathyavedu Range, Chittoor East Division (presently in Tirupati Division) for providing CPWS scheme i.e digging of 5 Nos bore wells and laying 160 mm dia pipeline for supply of water to Beerakuppam and (9) other villages of Nagalapadu Mandal, Sathyavedu Constituency, Chittoor District in favour of Executive Engineer, RWS Division, Tirupati - Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos.2523/Section.II/2023/2280479 Dated: 15.12.2023 and online proposal No. FP/AP/Others/138915/2021, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.2 ha.** of forest land in Compartment No.282 of Tripuranthakapuram RF, Sathyavedu Range, Chittoor East Division (presently in Tirupati Division) for providing CPWS scheme i.e digging of 5 Nos bore wells and laying 160 mm dia pipeline for supply of water to Beerakuppam and (9) other villages of Nagalapadu Mandal, Sathyavedu Constituency, Chittoor District in favour of Executive Engineer, RWS Division, Tirupati, subject to the following conditions:-

- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency;
- Cost of raising ten times number of trees to be felled (including maintenance)

- shall be realized from user agency towards compensatory afforestation.
- iv. Location of the area (map with DGPS coordinates) identified for raising the plantation shall be furnished along with compliance report.
 - v. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.2 ha** from the 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 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letters dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;
 - vi. 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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
 - vii. 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/>);
 - viii. The KML file of the forest area diverted and forest area selected towards CA plantation (ten times no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report including GPS ids.
 - ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
 - x. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
 - xi. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
 - xii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.2 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;**
 - xiii. 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;
 - xiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 - xv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
 - xvi. Any other conditions that the Central Government or 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;
 - xvii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions act and rules and guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

- xviii. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online(<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(Balaji Kari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to;

1. The Inspector General of Forrest (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavarana Bhavan, JorBagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003
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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, AranyaBhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
4. The Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Chenna Reddy Colony, Tirupati -517 501.
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Signed by Balaji Kari

Date: 29-01-2024 17:10:48

Reason: Approved

