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F.No. 4-TSB214/2021-HYD/103 Date 30th October, 2021

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 1.5259 ha of forest land for BT road projects from MRL13-Chamanpally to Kushnapally of Chennur RF's of Chennur Division in Mancherial District in favour of District Panchayathi Raj Engineer, PIU, Mancherial.-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 2321/For.I(1)/2021 dated 20.07.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/120196/2021 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 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 1.5259 ha of forest land for BT road projects from MRL13-Chamanpally to Kushnapally of Chennur RF's of Chennur Division in Mancherial District in favour of District Panchayathi Raj Engineer, PIU, Mancherial, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) 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;

(iii) No tree to be felled in the diverted forest area;

(iv) The State Forest Department shall carry out proposed activities i.e. protect nonforest CA land by erecting chain link fencing, boundary pillars and SMC works i.e., SCTs etc., and taking up cultural operations and fire management over an extent of **1.5259 ha** out of **39.84 ha** at the cost of User Agency in Sy.No. BDPP of Indhani Village of Karameri Mandal of Karameri Range of Asifabad Division under the jurisdiction of District Forest Officer, Kumuram Bheem – Asifabad, in lieu of proposed diversion of forest land for (15) road projects in various Divisions & Districts under PMGSY Scheme of Panchayathi Raj Department. The portion of non-forest area out of 39.84 ha, identified for CA purpose for the subject project, shall be demarcated properly to identify the same for monitoring purpose;

- (v) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over proportionate extent of area out of 40 ha degraded forest land identified in Compt.No. 134 of Raspally Beat of Raspally Section of Kaghaznagar Range falling in Kaghaznagar Division as per the CA scheme with financial out lay of Rs.12.3105 lakhs;
- (vi) Non forest area and degraded forest land identified for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vii) Entire non-forests land identified for raising compensatory afforestation over an extent of **39.84 ha** in Sy.No. BDPP of Indhani Village of Karameri Mandal of Karameri Range of Asifabad Division under the jurisdiction of District Forest Officer, Kumuram Bheem – Asifabad in lieu of proposed diversion of forest land for (15) road projects in various Divisions & Districts under PMGSY Scheme of Panchayathi Raj Department, shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and same shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act before <u>Stage</u> <u>II approval</u>. A copy of the original notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report to this office for information and record;
- (viii) The PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State of Telangana shall instruct all the field level officers to implement the CA scheme in its entirety as per the proposal and no CA amount should be left unspent;
- (ix) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 1.5259 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;
- (x) 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;

- (xi) Proposed Wildlife Mitigation Plan with financial out lay of Rs.24.24 lakhs shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
- (xii) All conditions recommended in the PART II by the Forest Divisional Officer, Chennur shall be complied with by the User Agency, at the project cost;
- (xiii) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in/</u>);
- (xiv) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (xv) Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- (xvi) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- (xvii) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xviii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xix) **RoFR certificate in the Ministry's prescriber format issued by the competent authority shall be submitted along with compliance report;**
- (xx) The State Government shall issue working permission after receipt of RoFR certificate and ensuring all conditions to be complied with for issuing of such working permission as per the Ministry's guidelines. The State Government shall inform regarding working permission accorded, if any as the case may be, to this office for record purpose;
- (xxi) 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;
- (xxii) 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;

- (xxiii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed <u>1.5259 ha</u> (width of the carriageway / BT portion of the road shall be restricted to 3 mtrs) 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;
- (xxiv) 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;
- (xxv) 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;
- (xxvi) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, 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 by the User Agency;
- (xxvii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;
- (xxviii) The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in/</u>);

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)

Copy to:-

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