GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Sri.R.M.Dobriyal, IFS.,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (FAC)
Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan",
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

To

The Special Chief Secretary to Government,

Forest Department,

4th Floor, Aranya Bhavan

Telangana State, Saifabad, Hyderabad.

Madam,

Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/93/2022-FCA Section, Dated:01/02/2023

Sub: TSFD – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.8621 ha** (revised from 1.0108 ha) in various RFs of Siddipet forest division of Siddipet District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad – In-principle (Stage-I) approval – Submission of Compliance Report for according Final (Stage-II) approval – Regarding.

Ref:

- 1. GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr. F.NO. 5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019 and subsequent amendments issued therein.
- 2. Senior Director, T-Fiber, Hyderabad, Lr.No.T-Fiber/Operations/RoW/815, Dt.17.03.2021.
- 3. PCCF's Rc. No.5026/2021/FCA-3, dt.20.07.2021.
- 4. Senior Director, M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Lr.No.T-Fiber/Projects/RoW/1256, Dt.08.10.2021.
- 5. PCCF's Rc. No.14952/2021/FCA-3, Dt.13.06.2022.
- 6. CCF/CF, Medak circle, Rc. No.2801/2021/C3, Dt.13.06.2022.
- Forest (Conservation)Rules,2022 published vide MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi Gazette Number GSR 480 (E), Dt.28.06.2022, communicated vide F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.29.06.2022.
- 8. GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.18.07.2022.
- PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyderabad, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/93/2022-FCA Section, Dt.15.09.2022.
- 10.G.O.Rt.No.143, EFS&T (FoR-I) Dept., Dt.12.10.2022.
- 11.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyderabad, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/93/2022-FCA Section, Dt.21.10.2022.
- 12. Senior Director, M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Lr.No.T-Fiber/Projects/RoW/2137, Dt.21.12.2022.
- 13.DFO, Siddipet, Rc.No.459/S6/2021, Dt.03.01.2023.
- 14.CF, Rajanna circle, Siddipet, Rc. No.2801/2021/C3/M2, Dt.06.01.2023.
- **15**.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyderabad, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/93/2022-FCA Section, Dt.16.01.2023.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that the Government vide reference 10th cited have **accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval** for "diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.8621** ha (revised from 1.0108 ha) in various RFs of Siddipet forest division of Siddipet District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad." The above orders have been communicated to all the concerned officers vide reference 11th cited with instructions to submit condition-wise compliance report as per the conditions stipulated therein.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Rajanna circle has obtained condition-wise compliance report from the User Agency and the District Forest Officer, Siddipet and submitted together with its

enclosures vide reference 14th cited. The copies of reference 14th cited together with its enclosures in duplicate are enclosed herewith. The condition-wise compliance report is reproduced with remarks as follows:

S. No.	Description of Condition	Compliance				
i.		The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.				
ii.	diverted: The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for					
iii.	Compensatory Afforestation: Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 0.8621 ha Degraded forest land Compartment No.230 of Allipur RF RF					
	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 with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be					
	Net Present Value: a, The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 1.3522 ha forest area to be diverted under this	Value on 19.12.2022 through RTGS online vide UTR No.IBKLR92022121900018505 in to				

	proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Cout 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.5-1/1988-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003 as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard; 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.	UBIN0996335 in Union Bank of India, Jellitta Towers, Mission Road, Bangalore - 560 027. A copy of the payment is enclosed herewith, and the payment has been confirmed online at PARIVESH portal. b. The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
vi.		The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
vii.	stipulated in Part II, III and Part IV and also covering letters, inspections notes	The User Agency has deposited an amount of ₹2,91,771/- (which is a part of the total amount ₹18,91,771/-) towards cost of tree growth and extraction charges on 20.12.2022 through RTGS online vide UTR No.IBKLR920221222000025617 into the CA-PD Account of the District Forest Officer, Siddipet bearing A/c.No.6560567228, through IFSC Code:IDIB000S270 of Indian Bank, Siddipet Branch. A copy of the payment is enclosed herewith.
viii.	가 보고 100mm (100mm) 100mm (100	
ix.	Disturbance should be kept minimum	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition

	forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	
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xi.		The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
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xiii.		The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xiv.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;	
xv.		
xvi.		

xvii.	The User Agency to make good the land after use/ maintenance;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.				
xviii.	The User Agency to make good any loss to forests / environment;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.				
xix.		The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.				
xx.	Work should be carried out during day time only;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.				
xxi.	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;					
xxii.	The compliance report shall be	The compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval has been uploaded in the ministry portal.				
xxiii.						

Further, it is submitted that the stage-I clearance has been published by the User Agency in daily newspapers in English on **14.12.2022** and Telugu languages on **15.12.2022** (**copy enclosed**). Further, it is submitted that the working permission for commencement of works has been issued by this office vide reference 15th cited for a period of one year with certain conditions (copy enclosed), as requested by the User Agency, as per the powers conferred.

In view of the above, the Government are requested to take necessary action for according final (Stage-II) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and communicate the orders in the matter at an early date.

Encl:As above.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Rakesh Mohan

Dobriyal

Sd/-Rakesh Mohan Dobriyal,

Date: 01-02-2023 06:07: Frincipal Chief Conservator of Forests Reason: Approved & Head of Forest Force (FAC)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests (FAC), Rajanna circle, HQ, Siddipet for information.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Siddipet for information.

Copy to the M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, 7^{th} Floor, Splendid Towers, Near Rasoolpura Metrorail Station, S.P. Road, Begumpet, Hyderabad, 500003 for information.

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for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

01/02/2023

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/93/2022-FCA Section
Dated:16/01/2023

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
"Aranya Bhavan," Saifabad,
Telangana, Hyderabad – 500 004.

Sri. R.M.Dobriyal, I.F.S.,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (FAC)

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It is to inform that the Government vide reference 10th cited has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the project "diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.8621 ha (revised from 1.0108 ha) in various RFs of Siddipet forest division of Siddipet District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad." The above orders have been communicated vide reference 11th cited to all the concerned officers and User Agency with the instructions to submit condition-wise compliance report on the conditions

stipulated therein.

Vide reference 13th cited, the District Forest Officer, Siddipet district have obtained condition-wise compliance report from the User Agency have submitted together with its enclosures to this office. Further, the District Forest Officer, Siddipet has informed that the User Agency has deposited the compensatory levies into the respective accounts. The User Agency (M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited) vide reference 12th cited has informed that all the compensatory levies have been paid and the compliance on Stage-I conditions have been submitted by them to District Forest Officer, Siddipet and requested this office to kindly accord working permission for laying of Optical Fiber Cable for the above-mentioned project. The details of the amounts deposited are as follows:

C. No.	Component	Amount deposited (in Rupees)	Remarks
3(ii)	Construction of Boundary Pillars	₹16,00,00 0/-	Deposited an amount of ₹16,00,000/- (which is a part amount of ₹18,91,771/-) towards construction of boundary pillars and demarcation charges on 20.12.2022 through RTGS online vide UTR No.IBKLR920221222000025617 into the CA-PD Account of the District Forest Officer, Siddipet bearing A/c.No.6560567228, through IFSC Code:IDIB000S270 of Indian Bank, Siddipet Branch.
	Compensatory Afforestation	₹28,21,40 0/-	Deposited an amount of ₹28,21,400/- (which is a part amount of ₹38,80,567/-) towards Compensatory afforestation on 19.12.2022 through RTGS online vide UTR No.IBKLR92022121900018505 in to Telangana State CAMPA account bearing A/c No.1557071148641439, IFSC Code: UBIN0996335 in Union Bank of India, Jellitta Towers, Mission Road, Bangalore - 560 027.
	Net Present Value	₹10,59,16 7/-	No.1BKLR92022121900018505 in to Telangana State CAMPA account bearing A/c No.1557071148641439, IFSC Code: UBIN0996335 in Union Bank of India, Jellitta Towers, Mission Road, Bangalore - 560 027.
i)	User Agency should fulfil the conditions stipulated in Part-II,	-	Deposited an amount of ₹2,91,771/- (which is a part amount of ₹18,91,771/-) towards cost of tree growth and extraction charges on 20.12.2022 through RTGS

Part-III, and Part-IV,	online vide UTR · No.IBKLR920221222000025617
and also covering	into the CA-PD Account of the District Forest Officer,
letters, inspections	Siddipet bearing A/c.No.6560567228, through IFSC
note of the proposals	Code:IDIB000S270 of Indian Bank, Siddipet Branch.

Further, with regard to issue of working permission, it is informed that as per the clarification issued in reference 8th cited on the applicability of the Forest(Conservation)Rules, 2022 issued in reference 7th cited that "Provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 shall apply to the proposals submitted online through PARIVESH Portal and which have been accepted by the Nodal Officer before 28.06.2022." In the instant case, the proposals have already been accepted by the Nodal Officer/ PCCF(HoFF) and the Stage-I approval has been granted. Hence, the guidelines issued in reference 1st cited in the form of Handbook and amendments issued therein and issued till that time are applicable. At Para 11.2 of the Handbook by the Ministry in F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019, and amendments issued therein and the guidelines issued therein (reference 1st cited) and the guidelines issued in F.No.11-306/2014-FC (pt), Dt.28.08.2015 detailed procedure about grant of permission for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land (such as laying of new roads, widening of existing highways, transmission lines, water supply lines, optic fiber cabling, railway lines etc., in which the in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is accorded) for a period of one year is given to facilitate speedy execution of projects. Such orders shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), wildlife conservation plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all such other compensatory levies, specified in the Stage-I (in-principle) approval from the UA, and where ever applicable, transfer and mutation of non-forest/ revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department.

Further, the State Government of Telangana vide <u>Memo.No.3983/For.I(1)/2016-2</u>, <u>Dated.15.10.2016</u> has authorized the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) to issue working permission to the User Agency, for tree cutting and commencement of work of linear projects, for a period of one year, subject to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and their compliance, in accordance with the guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi in F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dt.28.08.2015.

In view of the above, the request of the User Agency (M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited) vide reference 12th cited has been examined in exercise of the powers delegated to the undersigned in Govt. Memo.No.3983/For.I(1)/2016-2, Dated.15.10.2016 and with reference to the reference 1st, 7t^h and 8th cited, the "working permission is hereby accorded in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited (User Agency) for commencement of works in the forest land proposed to be diverted from the date of entering into agreement with the District Forest Officer, Siddipet district for a period of one year," subject to the following conditions:

- 1. M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited i.e., User Agency shall report to the District Forest Officer, Siddipet having jurisdiction over the proposed forest area; and obtain further permission from him before starting the work. The works should be carried out under the supervision of the concerned Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer.
- 2. The Authorized Signatory of User Agency shall enter into an agreement with the District Forest Officer, Siddipet/concerned Circle head agreeing to perform all conditions as stipulated in Stage-I approval orders and also MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi guidelines issued in *F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.)*, *dt.28.08.2015* and also that stipulated in covering letters, Part-II to V, and obtain further permission for commencement of the works.
- 3. The User Agency shall publish the working permission now granted in verbatim language along with the conditions and safe—guards imposed by the Central Government in Stage—I approval in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language, so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non–forest purposes (C.No.vii of F.No.11-306/2014—FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
- 4. The copies of the Forest Clearance and the working permission should also be submitted to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies by the Second Party in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same in 30 days. (C.No.vii of F.No.11-306/2014–FC(pt) dt:28.08.2015).
- 5. The Forest Department shall dispose all the appeals filed against the order of Deemed Permission issued by the PCCF (HoFF). (C.No.v & vi of F.No.11-306/2014–FC (pt) dt:28.08.2015).
- 6. The User Agency shall agree, bind and undertake to comply to any other conditions that may be imposed from time to time by the MoEF & CC, GoI/State Government and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) in the interest of Conservation, Protection & Development of forests, in addition to conditions imposed in Stage I (in-principle) approval.
- 7. The cable line shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.
- 8. No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency. No damage shall be caused to forest/wild life and to the environment.
- 9. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of the trench dug at a time does not exceed 500m. The trench should be filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500m. The User Agency shall make good any loss to forest/ environment.
- 10.Any other conditions imposed by the concerned Circle head, District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer during execution of work in the interest of protection

of Forests shall be carried out at the project cost.

- 11. The works should be carried out without any scope for violations under various rules and guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and other relevant guidelines and Rules in force.
- 12. The working permission issued is valid **upto** a **period of one year** from the date of entering into an agreement with the District Forest Officer. Siddipet district. In case, if the User Agency fails to complete the work within the stipulated time, for further extension of working permission, they have to approach the undersigned.

The District Forest Officer, Siddipet district is requested to enter into agreement with User Agency for working permission and permitted to take up Construction of boundary pillars from the amount deposited in the CA-PD account of DFO/FDO soon after entering into agreement for working permission. The works shall be included in APO <u>2022-23</u> for CA-PD account and should be reported in MPR of CA-PD account.

Signed by Rakesh Mohan Dobriyal Date: 16-01-2023 15:34:39 Reason: Approved

Sd/-Rakesh Mohan Dobriyal ,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force (FAC)

To
The District Forest Officer, Siddipet district.

The M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, 7th Floor, Splendid Towers, Near Rasoolpura Metrorail Station, S.P. Road, Begumpet, Hyderabad, 500003.

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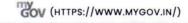


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