

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.5045/For.I(1)/2016

Dated:10.01.2022.

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T(Forest) Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
Regional Officer(Central),
Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad,
Aranya Bhavan,
Opposite Reserve Bank of India, Saifabad,
Hyderabad - 500004(w.e.)



Sir,

Sub:- Forest (Conservation) Act – Diversion of **1.177 ha** of forest land in Bellampally (1.060 ha) and Chennur (0.117 ha) Divisions for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of structures in **Segment-22/7 (Vemanapally)** for providing safe drinking water in Mancherla District under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Nirmal.- Furnishing of Compliance report - Regarding.

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Ref:-1)From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.5047/2016/FCA-1
Dated:11.11.2016.

2)From the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.6048/2016/
WL-1, Dt:12.11.2016.

3) State Govt.Lr.No.5045/For.I (1)/2017-1&2, Dt:21.12.2016.

4) GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No. 4-TSB049/2017-CHN/1147,
Dt.24.07.2017.

5)Govt. Memo No.5045/For.I(1)/2016, Dated:02.08.2017.

6)From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd., Rc.No.5047/2016/FCA-1,
Dt.22.11.2021

I, am to invite your attention to the reference 4th cited and to inform that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, have accorded approval in-principle (Stage-I) U/s 2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980, for diversion of **1.177 ha** of forest land in Bellampally (1.060 ha) and Chennur (0.117 ha) Divisions for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of structures in **Segment-22/7 (Vemanapally)** for providing safe drinking water in Mancherla District under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Nirmal, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

2. I am to further inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, in her letter 6th cited, has submitted condition wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated in in-principle (Stage-I) approval. The details of which are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Description of the Condition	Compliance
(i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
(ii)	The 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 User Agency.	Bellampally Division: The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 10,13,054/- into Forest Divisional Officer, Bellampally in PD A/c No. 37110004892, IFSC Code SBIN0020120, Telangana Gramina Bank, Bellampally through (UTR No.IDIBH19189451966 DT. 08.07.2019,

towards construction of boundary pillars, extraction of tree growth etc. and the details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (in Rs)
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2.	Cost of Boundary pillars big size 27 Nos @ 8000/-	216000
3.	Cost of Boundary pillars small size 666 Nos @ 1177/-	783882
4.	User Charges	3000
Total:		10,13,054

Chennur Division:

The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. **1,82,145/-** into Forest Divisional Officer, Chennur in PD A/c No. 62490360405, IFSC Code SBIN0020128, State Bank of India, Chennur Branch through UTR No.IDIBH19189451957 DT. 08.07.2019, towards construction of boundary pillars, extraction of tree growth etc. and the details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (in Rs)
1.	Felling & Transportation of tree growth	47100
2.	Cost of Boundary pillars big size 27 Nos @ 8000/-	32000
3.	Cost of Boundary pillars small size 666 Nos @ 1177/-	100045
4.	User Charges	3000
Total:		182145

Copies of the payments above are enclosed.

(iii) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 1.177 ha out of the 187.677 Ha of non-forest land identified in Sy. No. 169 of Peddamaunagala and in Sy No.139 & 147 of Thimmapuram Chandampet Mandal of Nalgonda District at the cost of user agency.

The User Agency has deposited an amount of **Rs. 1717478/- part of Rs. 2959293/-** towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) into Telangana State CAMPA, A/c No. 155705318548490 Corporation Bank, New Delhi, Lodhi Complex, through (UTR No. IDIBH18271168977, dt. 28.09.2018) and the details are as follows (amount in Rs):

Component	Bellampally Division	Chennur Division	Total
CA	1546752	170726	1717478
NPV	663560	469755	1133315
Creation of fire lines		108500	108500
Total	2210312	748981	2959293

A Copy of the payment, reflected as paid at Ministry's portal, is enclosed.

(iv) The State Government has proposed 1.177 ha of non-forest land for compensatory afforestation under the subject as part of

The Non-Forest Land identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) to an extent of 187.677 ha in WLM Division Nagarjuna sagar has been apportioned for TDWSP project

	187.677 ha of non-forest land identified for entire TDWSP projects (Mission Bhageeratha Project). The CA land identified to the extent of 187.677 Ha for the Mission Bhageeratha Project under the working control of WLM division, Nagarjunasagar shall be apportioned project wise including the CA area identified for the present proposal and all the relevant details like DGPS coordinates, map, CA scheme , soil suitability certificate etc shall be uploaded in the Ministry's online portal against the subject proposal.	(Mission Bhageeratha Project) and accordingly the cost of CA is apportioned. The User Agency has transferred and mutated the non-forest CA land in favor of the forest department and copy is enclosed herewith.			
(v)	Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	Complied with. The identified Non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation in WLM Division Nagarjunasagar, will not be changed without prior approval from the Central Government.			
(vi)	Non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance;	The User Agency has transferred and mutated the non-forest CA land identified in Sy. No. 169 of Peddamunagala and in Sy No.139 & 147 of Thimmapuram in Chandampet Mandal of Nalgonda District in favor of the forest department and copy is enclosed herewith.			
(vii)	Non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation, 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. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send 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 local Forest Act as the case may be, to this office for information and record;	The notification proposals under Telangana Forest Act,1967 for the Non-Forest Land identified for Compensatory Afforestation in WLM Division Nagarjunasagar is under progress and same will be submitted after notification.			
(viii)	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 1.117 ha from 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.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 11,33,315/- part of Rs. 2959293/- , into the account of Telangana State CAMPA account No. 155705318548490, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi with UTR No. IDIBH18271168977, dt.28.09.2018, towards NPV Charges and the details are follows (amount in Rs.):			
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(ix)	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 User Agency.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.																				
(x)	The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project including levies towards mitigation measures for wildlife conservation etc shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Telangana State CAMPA. <u>The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website.</u>	<p>The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 29,59,293/- towards NPV & CA, creation of firelines charges into Telangana State CAMPA account No. 155705318548490,, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi with UTR No. IDIBH18271168977, dt.28.09.2018, the details of which are as follows (amount in Rs.):</p> <table><tr><td>Component</td><td>Bellampally Division</td><td>Chennur Division</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>CA</td><td>1546752</td><td>170726</td><td>1717478</td></tr><tr><td>NPV</td><td>663560</td><td>469755</td><td>1133315</td></tr><tr><td>Creation of fire lines</td><td></td><td>108500</td><td>108500</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>2210312</td><td>748981</td><td>2959293</td></tr></table> <p>A Copy of the payment, reflected as paid at Ministry's portal, is enclosed.</p>	Component	Bellampally Division	Chennur Division	Total	CA	1546752	170726	1717478	NPV	663560	469755	1133315	Creation of fire lines		108500	108500	Total	2210312	748981	2959293
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(xi)	The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, shall be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.																				
(xii)	Trees felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out whenever necessary with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.	<p>The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.</p> <p>Bellampally Division: The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 10,13,054/- in to account of Forest Divisional Officer, Bellampally in PD A/c No. 37110004892, IFSC Code SBIN0020120, Telangana Gramina Bank, Bellampally through UTR No.IDIBH19189451966 DT. 08.07.2019, towards construction of boundary pillars,</p>																				

	letter No.6-69/2017/WL, dated. 02.06.2017 at the project cost	No.IDIBH19189451973, dt. 08.07.2019, the details of which are as follows: <table> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Particulars</th><th colspan="2">Amount in Rs.</th></tr> <tr> <th>Bellampally Division</th><th>Chennur Division</th></tr> <tr> <td>Planting Low height evergreen shrubs with shallows roots on the both sites of the pipeline</td><td>2051603</td><td>257334</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mitigative Measures</td><td>759200</td><td>83800</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td><td>2810803</td><td>341134</td></tr> </table>	Particulars	Amount in Rs.		Bellampally Division	Chennur Division	Planting Low height evergreen shrubs with shallows roots on the both sites of the pipeline	2051603	257334	Mitigative Measures	759200	83800	Total:	2810803	341134
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(xix)	Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.														
(xx)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.177 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	<p>The User Agency has submitted an undertaking. However, the user agency has carried out the work in an area of 1.178 ha without working permission/ Stage-II approval and also changed the alignment of pipeline and executed the work in the right side as against proposed alignment in left side in Chennur division.</p> <p>Further, an area of 0.118 ha has been utilized in Chennur division as against 0.117 ha. In Bellampally, work has been carried out in an area of 1.060 ha.</p> <p>Detailed report as called for by the Ministry is enclosed herewith.</p>														
(xxi)	The user agency should make provisions for supply of water to wildlife at designated places/along with route passing through forest areas, in consultation with Telangana Forest Department, Such provision should be made at intervals of 2 km each. The Chief Wildlife Warden is advised to develop a master plan to use the proposed pipelines for supply of water to the wildlife. Precautions have to be taken to avoid concentration of livestock at the water point.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.														

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(xiii)	State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees, wherever feasible at the cost of user agency.	No trees are proposed for translocation for this project.																																				
(xiv)	Wherever necessary, user agency shall provide free supply of water for forest, nurseries and field staff quarters and range offices, besides providing outlet with small troughs during summer for wild animals in forest areas.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.																																				
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(xvii)	State Government and the user agency shall implement mitigation measures and other conditions as recommended by the Standing Committee of NBWL vide Ministry's	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 3,151,937/- in the Account of BIOSOT, into A/c No.110310100030284, IFSC code ANDB0001103, Andhra Bank Secretariat Branch, Hyderabad through UTR																																				

(xxii)	The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Bellampally Division in Sl.No. 12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e., 94.510 ha of forest land and 196.210 ha of non forest land and DFO, Mancherial Division in Sl.No.12 (v) (a) & (b) of part – II i.e., 87.772 ha of forest land and 229.830 ha of non forest land shall be monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.	The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of FDOs Bellampally and Chennur Divisions will be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report will be submitted to the Regional Officer for further course of action.
(xxiii)	User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
(xxiv)	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF (Central) of 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.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
(xxv)	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.

3. I am to inform that the Stage-I clearance has been published by the User Agency in Indian Express daily news paper of English on 03.04.2019 and Andhra Jyothi Telangana daily news paper of Telugu on 22.12.2018.

4. I am to further inform that the Government of India vide Ir.dt.18.06.2020, has sought some additional information on the violations and deviations in the diversion of forest land for all the water grid segments taken up under Mission Bhagiratha. Accordingly, the District Forest Officer, Kothagudem has furnished the required additional information and the same is submitted herewith in Annexure-I and II. As per the report of the user agency has completed the work before issue of Stage-II approval and without obtaining working permission after Stage-I approval, between 05.04.2017 and 20.12.2018

5. I am also to enclose a copy of the letter 6th cited along with its enclosures of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad and to request you to obtain and communicate final (Stage.II) approval, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
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