

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

Letter No.595/For.I(1)/2019

Dated:25.10.2021.

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T 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:- EFS&T Department - F(C)Act, 1980 – Diversion of **24.7539 ha** (against 189.6808 ha proposed) in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tracks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial districts in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad.- Compliance report Furnished - Regarding.

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Ref: 1) From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Rc.No.5477/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dated: 16.02.2019.
2) State Govt. Lr.No.595/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:16.02.2019.
3)From the PCCF(WL)&CWLW, T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.15033/2018 /WL-1, Dt.28.03.2019 & 12.04.2019.
4).State Govt. Lr.No.595/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:18.04.2019.
5) From Dy. CF (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSA150/2019-CHN/0536, Dt.28.03.2019.
6) Govt. Memo No.595/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:03.05.2019.
7)From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4- TSA150/2019-CHN/0988, Dt.19.06.2019.
8) Govt. Memo No.595/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:05.07.2019.
9)Govt.Letter.No.595/For.I(1)/2019, dt:22.02.2020.
10) From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Rc.No.5477/2018/FCA-4, Dt:25.09.2021.

I invite your attention to the reference 7th cited, wherein, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai have conveyed the Central Government's in-principal (Stage.I) approval for diversion of **24.7539 ha** (against 189.6808 ha proposed) in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tracks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial districts in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

2. I am to furnish the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in - principal approval (Stage.I) as reported by the Principal Chief

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Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 10th cited and the details of which are as follows:

C. No	Condition	Compliance
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
2	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	<p>As per the Demand Notice issued by the FDO's Kagaznagar, Asifabad and Bellampally, the User Agency has deposited funds towards construction of boundary pillars into the respective FDO CA PD accounts, and details are follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An amount of Rs.21,15,000/- deposited towards Cost of construction of Boundary Pillars which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.24,47,000/- vide UTR No.007209456 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Kagaznagar bearing Ac.No.37130525073. • An amount of Rs.1,45,800/- deposited towards Cost of construction of Boundary Pillars which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.4,27,800/- vide UTR No.007166825 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Asifabad bearing Ac.No.39046731621. • An amount Rs.83,300/- deposited towards Cost of construction of Boundary Pillars which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.2,90,700/- vide UTR No.007209608 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Bellampally bearing Ac.No.37110004892.
3	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest department over the identified double the degraded forest area at the cost of the User agency. The CA scheme prepared for the forest blocks with	<p>Complied.</p> <p>The User agency has deposited an amount of Rs.4,67,02,800/- towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) which is part of total amount deposited for an</p>

	<p>an area of 25 ha in Asifabad Division with an estimated cost outlay of Rs.240.654 Lakhs and an area of 25 ha in Kagaznagar Forest division with a financial outlay of Rs.226.374 lakhs, submitted by PCCF Telangana may not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. As far as possible a mixture of local, indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.</p>	<p>amount of Rs.6,80,98,742/- vide UTR No.SBIN420246772779 dated 02.09.2020 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana by generating the challan in the ministry's portal bearing No.155705934624080.</p> <p>The status of payment has been reflected in the ministry's portal, copy of which is enclosed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="910 579 1521 1174"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana</th></tr> <tr> <th>Component</th><th>Asifabad</th><th>Kagaz nagar</th><th>Bellampally</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>i)CA</td><td>24065400</td><td>22637 400</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>ii) NPV</td><td>1539710</td><td>13311 389</td><td>644843</td></tr> <tr> <td>iii) SMC</td><td>5900000</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>31505110</td><td>35948 789</td><td>644843</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td><td colspan="3">Rs.68098742/-</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana				Component	Asifabad	Kagaz nagar	Bellampally	i)CA	24065400	22637 400	0	ii) NPV	1539710	13311 389	644843	iii) SMC	5900000	0	0	Total	31505110	35948 789	644843	Grand Total	Rs.68098742/-		
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4	<p>The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for work scheduled for subsequent years.</p>	<p>Complied.</p> <p>The User agency has deposited an amount of Rs.4,67,02,800/- towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) which is part of total amount deposited for an amount of Rs.6,80,98,742/- vide UTR No.SBIN420246772779 dated 02.09.2020 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana by generating the challan in the ministry's portal bearing Ac.No.155705934624080.</p> <p>The status of payment has been reflected in the ministry's portal, copy of which is enclosed.</p>																												
5	<p>The state government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 24.7539 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 08/05/2008 in IA No. 566 WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per 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 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009</p>	<p>Complied.</p> <p>The User agency has deposited an amount of Rs.1,54,95,942/- towards Net Present Value (NPV) which is part of total amount deposited for an amount of Rs.6,80,98,742/- vide UTR No.SBIN420246772779 dated 02.09.2020 into the AdhocCAMPA Account Telangana by generating the challan in the ministry's portal bearingNo.155705934624080.</p> <p>The status of payment has been reflected in the ministry's portal which is enclosed.</p>																												

6	<p>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.</p>	<p>Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.</p>								
7	<p>The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the state forest department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User agency with the state forest department.</p>	<p>Funds towards Extraction of tree growth has been deposited into the respective FDO CA PD accounts, and details are follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An amount of Rs.3,22,000/- deposited towards cost of Extraction of tree growth which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.24,47,000/- vide UTR No.007209456 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Kaghaznagar bearing Ac.No.37130525073. • An amount of Rs.2,79,000/- deposited towards Cost of Extraction of tree growth which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.4,27,800/- vide UTR No.007166825 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Asifabad bearing Ac.No.39046731621. • An amount Rs.2,07,400/- deposited towards Cost of Extraction of tree growth which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.2,90,700/- vide UTR No.007209608 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Bellampalli bearing Ac.No.37110004892. 								
8	<p>All the funds received from the User agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to the respective CAMPA fund only through the portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)</p>	<p>Complied.</p> <p>The User agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 6,80,98,742/- towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA), Net Present Value (NPV), Soil Conservation Measures (SMC works) vide UTR No.SBIN420246772779 dated 02.09.2020 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana by generating the challan in the ministry's portal with Ac.No.155705934624080.</p> <p>The status of payment has been reflected in the ministry's portal, copy of which is enclosed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="806 2199 1418 2357"> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="806 2199 1418 2239">Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="806 2239 934 2357">Component</td> <td data-bbox="934 2239 1112 2357">Asifabad</td> <td data-bbox="1112 2239 1225 2357">Kagaznagar</td> <td data-bbox="1225 2239 1418 2357">Bellampalli</td> </tr> </table>	Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana				Component	Asifabad	Kagaznagar	Bellampalli
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9	The complete compliance of the FRA,2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed from the concerned District Collector.		Complied. FRA'2006 Certificates are issued by the two District Collectors of Komarambheem Asifabad & Mancherial.						
10	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the protected areas/ Forest Areas.		Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.						
11	User agency shall obtain Environmental clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act,1986, if applicable		Not Applicable.						
12	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the central government.		Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.						
13	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.		Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.						
14	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.		Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.						
15	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.		Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.						
16	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 GoI.		Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.						

17	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in)	Complied.
18	The UA shall obtain Wildlife Clearance for the proposed 3rd BG line area before commencing the work as the line appears to be passing through the Tiger corridor. Wildlife mitigation measures and other precautionary measures as required for linear projects for protection of Wildlife have to be carried out by the State forest department at the project cost.	NBWL Granted Wildlife clearance vide F.No. 6-2/2020 WL, Dated 20.04.2020, and minutes of 57 th meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL is enclosed. An amount of Rs.52,00,000/- has been deposited into the Biosot account, maintained at Andhra Bank bearing A/c.No. 110310100030284, IFSC Code: ANDB0001103 towards Wildlife Mitigative measures.
19	Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce disturbance in the habitat	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
20	The debris/ earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be from outside the forest area	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
21	Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside forest area as far as possible.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
22	The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of the User Agency.	An undertaking certificate to this effect is submitted. However, Funds towards Extraction of tree growth has been deposited into the respective FDO accounts, details of which are furnished at C.No.7.
23	Work shall be taken up only during day time	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
24	The user agency shall construct enough number of bridges for connecting wildlife corridors on either side of Railway track at the project cost in consultation with the forest department. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	About (46) number of water way Railway bridges for 3rd line aligning with the bridges of existing two tracks, have been proposed in this area and it's approaches which may facilitate safe animal movement. The list of bridges is enclosed. The proposed bridges will be provided with splayed wing walls (Funnel shaped) at the ends and vegetation will be created. An undertaking certificate to this effect furnished by UA is enclosed.

25	In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wild animals, especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
26	Appropriate soil conservation measures shall be taken to reduce silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impacts on the water bodies.	<p>Complied.</p> <p>The User agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 59,00,000/- towards cost of Soil Conservation Measures (SMC works) which is part of total amount deposited for an amount of Rs.6,80,98,742/- vide UTR No.SBIN420246772779 dated 02.09.2020 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana by generating the challan in the ministry's portal with Ac.No.155705934624080.</p> <p>The status of payment has been reflected in the ministry's portal, copy of which is enclosed.</p>
27	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 24.7539 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 and undertaking to this effect.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
28	The user agency and the state government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulations and guide lines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
29	Any other condition that the Additional DGF (Central), 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.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
30	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 DGF(Central), Regional office, Chennai.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.

The compliance for the conditions stipulated in the Standing committee of National Board for Wildlife to an extent of 21.2642 ha in Kaghaznagar Forest Division, in the Wildlife clearance are as follows:

S No	Condition/Mitigation Measure	Compliance
1	The user agency shall provide cross-over tunnels at their own cost, beneath the proposed railway line for the free movement of wild animals as per the wild animal passage plan approved by Chief Wildlife Warden duly following the design and dimensions prescribed by NTCA at locations identified by the concerned forest officers for the purpose especially along streams.	About (46) number of water way Railway bridges for 3rd line aligning with the bridges of existing two tracks, have been proposed in this area and it's approaches which may facilitate safe animal movement. The list of bridges is enclosed. The proposed bridges will be provided with splayed wing walls (Funnel shaped) at the ends and vegetation will be created. An undertaking certificate to this effect furnished by UA is enclosed.
2	The user agency shall provide Fencing / Barricading at their own cost at locations which are frequented by wild animals to cross over from side of the forest to the others side across the railway lines	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
3	The user agency shall provide Rs.52.00 lakh for developing natural grasslands / meadows, water harvesting structure, sloar bore wells, publicity and awareness materials, sign boards, etc for implementing wildlife mitigation measures.	An amount of Rs.52,00,000/- has been deposited into the Biosot account, maintained at Andhra Bank bearing A/c.No. 110310100030284, IFSC Code: ANDB0001103 towards Wildlife Mitigative measures.
4	The above amount shall be deposited by the user agency in the BIOSOT account of the state Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana in Andhra Bank, Secretariat Branch, Hyderabad	
5	The user agency shall fell only the barest minimum number of trees while executing the work.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
6	The works shall be carried out without disturbing or damaging flora, fauna or habitat of the area.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
7	Works shall be carried out from 6.00 AM to 6.00PM only	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
8	The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the sanctuary area. As and when required they should be carried to the site during execution of work.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
9	No Labour camp should be established inside the Tiger Reserve during the execution of work.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.

10	The debris formed due to the execution of the works shall be taken away from the Tiger Reserve on day to day Basis.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.
11	The user agency shall construct masonry pillars to demarcate the proposed project area at every 25m interval.	<p>As per the Demand Notice issued by the FDO's Kagaznagar, Asifabad and Bellampally, the User Agency has deposited an amount towards construction of boundary pillars into the respective FDO CA PD accounts, and details are follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An amount of Rs.21,15,000/- deposited towards Cost of Boundary Pillars which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.24,47,000/- vide UTR No.007209456 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Kagaznagar bearing Ac.No.37130525073. • An amount of Rs.1,45,800/- deposited towards Cost of Boundary Pillars which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.4,27,800/- vide UTR No.007166825 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Asifabad bearing Ac.No.39046731621. • An amount Rs.83,300/- deposited towards Cost of Boundary Pillars which is part of total amount deposited of Rs.2,90,700/-vide UTR No.007209608 dated 02.09.2020 into the PD account of FDO, Bellampalli bearing Ac.No.37110004892.

Compliance to the additional conditions and mitigation measures recommended by NTCA as stated by IGF(WL) in the NBWL meeting are as follows:

S No	Condition/Mitigation Measure	Compliance
1	As a compensation mechanism for the establishment of the third BG line, the concerned railway authority needs to purchase lands (in a continuous stretch) adjacent to the potential corridor/ Habitat linkage area to facilitate movement of tiger and other species in the landscape. Once purchased, these lands will be handed over to forest department for their appropriate management. An onsite survey to identify the best sites including their extent in the proposed land purchase area would be carried out by Telangana Forest Department and concerned Railway division. The matter was discussed with Member Secretary, NTCA who was present in the meeting. It was agreed by the Member Secretary, NTCA that the proposal may be recommended subject to the condition that State Forest	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.

	<p>department and the Railway will jointly identify a suitable area and effect transfer of that land to the State Forest department within 3 years of the start of project.</p>	
2	<p>A minimum 15-20% of the railway line length shall be covered by wildlife passage ways at each corridor.</p> <p>Over passes or under passes would be required at specific locations after thorough ground survey and understanding the animal movement by a team of NTCA & WII. The minimum length of such structures should be 30m to qualify as an animal passage way. The height of underpass would be a minimum of 4.50m from the ground so as to pass under train traffic. The existing railway lines should be mitigated with the same structure and the barrier effect of the new and old lines would be compounded. The wildlife passage ways need to be equipped with light and sound barriers to maximize their uses for animal passage.</p>	<p>Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.</p> <p>However, Vide ref 20th cited, the Conservator of Forests, Adilabad has reported that the User Agency has given an undertaking to construct two major bridges and 44 minor bridges across the proposed new third BG line at their cost in consultation with forest department. It is also informed by the UA that they have agreed to provide splayed funnel shaped wing walls with vegetation at both the ends of animal passage. The specifications of the bridges proposed to be constructed by the UA are not meeting the specifications prescribed by NTCA, WII with respect to the length and width of the passage way, which states that the minimum length should be 30 meters and minimum height should be 4.5 meters from the ground. The NTCA also prescribed a minimum of 15-20% of the railway line should be covered by the wildlife passage ways at each corridor.</p> <p>Further, vide ref 21st cited, the PCCF (HoFF) & CWLW has addressed the letter to the Member secretary, NBWL and informed that there are already two BG railway lines existing and the proposed line is the third BG line being laid to meet the requirement of increased railway traffic on this important route connecting southern Indian states to New Delhi. Since, the new line will be running parallel to the existing two line it would not be possible to change the alignment or the under passes below the existing lines and on request of UA on modifications of the condition in the minutes of meeting by incorporating the passage plan submitted by UA and recommended by CF, Adilabad. However, the reply is awaited from GoI.</p>

3. I am also to inform that, the UA has also published the Stage-I forest clearance granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safe-guards

imposed by the Central government in two widely circulated daily newspaper one is vernacular language and the other in English. On deposition of funds by the UA, and compliance to the other conditions required for issuing of working permission, vide PCCF Lr.dt.15.01.2021, the Working permission has been issued for tree cutting and commencement of works in accordance with the powers delegated to the undersigned.

4. I enclose herewith a copy of the letter of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the reference 10th cited along with its enclosures and 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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