

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

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From

The Special Chief Secretary to Government  
EFS&T Department,  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,  
Amaravati-522503.

To

The Inspector General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Green House Complex,  
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF /Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of six-lane highway road from Chittoor to Thatchur (NH-716B) from km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor - Stage-I approval accorded – Submission of compliance report submitted- Reg.

**Ref:** 1)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:18.06.2022.  
2)State Govt.Lr.No.1487/Sec.II/2022, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.13.07.2022.  
3)From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada,Lr.F.No.4-APB182/2022-VIJ/493, dt.05.08.2022.  
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated.12.09.2022.  
5) State Govt.Lr.No.1487/Sec.II/2022, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.19.09.2022.  
6)From GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APB184/2022-VIJ/579, Dt.26.09.2022.  
7)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1 , Dated.28.03.2023.

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I invite your attention to the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited, wherein the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF /Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of six-lane highway road from Chittoor to Thatchur (NH-716B) from km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

2. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has submitted condition wise compliance report on stage-I conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, which is as follows:

Sl. no.	Condition stipulated in the in-principle/ Stage-I approval	Compliance submitted by PCCF & HoFF
(i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The legal status of the forest land would remain unchanged and also obtained the undertaking from the user agency to comply with the condition in this regard <b>(Annexure-I)</b>
(ii)	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet	The User Agency has given an undertaking stating that 4 feet high

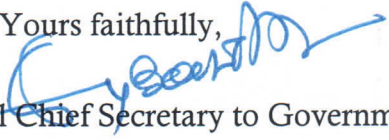
	high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency;	concrete pillars would be erected at 20 m interval demarcating the proposed forest area within a month and furnished the undertaking ( <b>Annexure-XVII</b> )
(iii)	The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 10.63 ha of degraded forest area in Compartment no.419 of Nagari RF, Puttur Range at the cost of the User Agency;	The degraded forest land was identified over an extent of 10.63 ha. in Compartment No.419 of Nagari RF, Puttur Range, Tirupati District (Erstwhile Chittoor East Division). CA scheme for 10.63 Ha. is prepared with the financial out lay of Rs.181.500 Lakhs and the amount was deposited by the User Agency into Adhoc CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No. CNRBR52023011797517965, dt: 17.01.2023. Further, the CA scheme would be implemented by the District Forest Officer, Chittoor in view of CA land is falling in Chittoor Division after Reorganization of Divisions in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
(iv)	Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	The degraded forest land identified for CA would not be changed without prior approval of GoI and also submitted the undertaking furnished by the User agency in this regard ( <b>Annexure II</b> ).
(v)	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 4.54 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 guidelines No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated.06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022.	The User Agency has deposited the Net Present Value of Rs.43,48,321/- in A.P State CAMPA fund through RTGS vide UTR No. CNRBR52023011797517965, dated: 17.01.2023 and furnished the copy of Chalan (copy enclosed).
(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;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition ( <b>Annexure-III</b> ).
(vii)	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> );	Yes, funds has been deposited by the user agency to CAMPA Fund only through e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ) through RTGs vide UTR No. CNRBR52023011797517965, Dt: 17.01.2023 as demanded by District Forest Officer, Tirupati.
(viii)	The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO, concerned, at the project cost;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking for compliance of this condition ( <b>Annexure IV</b> ).
(ix)	The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on both sides of the road at the cost of the project;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking for compliance of this condition.( <b>Annexure V</b> ).

(x)	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;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-VI)</b> .
(xi)	Road side cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-VII)</b> .
(xii)	The dug-out material/overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-VIII)</b> .
(xiii)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-IX)</b> .
(xiv)	The user agency shall provide firewood 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;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-X)</b> .
(xv)	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;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-XI)</b> .
(xvi)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.54 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;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-XII)</b> .
(xvii)	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;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-XIII)</b> .
(xviii)	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.	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking stating that they would ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project <b>(Annexure-XIV)</b> .
(xix)	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada 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 submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition <b>(Annexure-XV)</b> .
(xx)	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;	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking stating that all the conditions imposed by the GOI would be implemented without any deviation, however if any deviation the user agency would obey the penal action imposed as per the rules/guidelines issued under FCA, 1980 <b>(Annexure XVI)</b> .

(xxi)	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> );	The User Agency has uploaded the compliance report in the parivesh portal.
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3. I request you to consider the above compliance report on the Stage-I conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada and communicate Final (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF /Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of six-lane highway road from Chittoor to Thatchur(NH-716B) from km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

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