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National Highways Authority of India

(Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India) परियोजना कार्यान्यवन इकाई - कांचीपुरम # 7/16,गोविंदा राजन स्ट्रीट, द्रांबरम पश्चिम, चॅंगलपड्ड जिला, पिन कोड - 600 045 Project Implementation Unit - Kancheepuram,

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02nd August, 2022

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, & Head of Forest Force, Panagal Maligai, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.

Through:

The Divisional Forest Officer, Vellore Forest Division, Vellore.

Sub: NHAI, PIU, Kancheepuram - Bangalore - Chennai Expressway - Proposal for diversion of 5.42 Ha of forest land in Mahimandalam Reserved Forest of Vellore Forest Division - Stage-I approval accorded by MoEF&CC -Payment remitted to the State CAMPA account with respect to the revised demand notice of the DFO, Vellore Division - Stage-II Clearance Requested - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Government of India, MoEF&CC file no. 4-TNC043/2019-CHN dated 13.05.2021
 - 2. District Forest Officer, Vellore Division letter no.3075/2016/D1 dated 07.06.2022

Sir,

With reference to above subject, the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Chennai vide reference 1st cited has accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I Clearance) under Section '2'of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.42 Ha of forest land in Mahimandalam Reserved Forest of Vellore Forest Division for construction of 4-lane Bangalore – Chennai Expressway by the NHAI. The proposed Expressway is a new Greenfield alignment and will be fully access controlled.

2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Vellore vide letter 2nd cited above has sought the compliance report for the conditions mentioned vide letter No. C.No. 3075/2016/D1 dated 07.06.2022. Accordingly, the compliance report for the conditions imposed by Forest Department are as follows;

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S. No	Conditions	Compliances
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	Agreed.
2	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	Agreed and the same will be carried out.
3	The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation and its maintenance (CA) in the degraded forest area identified over an extent of 10.84 ha in Ammoor RF of Arcot Range in Vellore Division at the cost of user agency.	The Budgetary provision of Rs. 75,22,222/-towards Compensatory Afforestation for an area of 10.84 ha has been paid. Details of payment made is enclosed as {Annexure - I}.
4	Approved CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government	,—
5	The State Forest Department shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 5.42ha 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	The Budgetary provision of Rs. 43,52,260/-towards Net Present Value of 5.42 ha has been paid as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Details of payment made is enclosed as {Annexure - I}.

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6	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 Forest Department from the User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect	revision in NPV of
7	The following amount as detailed below has to be deposited separately, in the account of Tamil Nadu State CAMPA by generating challan through the website of Ministry of Environment, Forests and climate change(NPV, CA, Raising Red sanders and Wildlife Mitigation Plan)	Challan has been generated in the Parivesh portal for making payment of NPV, CA, Raising Red sanders and Wildlife Mitigation Plan for a total amount of Rs. 1,68,96,111/- in favour of TAMILNADU STATE CAMPA. Details of payment made is enclosed as {Annexure - I}.
8	The user agency shall act accordingly to the approved wildlife mitigation plan vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC), Chennai ref.No.WL5/31706/2021 dated 05.05.2022 and implemented at the cost of the User Agency	Agreed and will be complied accordingly.

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9	Underneath passages at appropriate places accordingly to the approved wildlife mitigation plan vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC), Chennai ref.No.WL5/31706/2021 dated 05.05.2022 may be constructed as per the O.M. No. 13-1/2019-PE dated 12-02-2021 on "Minutes of the Meeting (held on 07.01.2021) on preventive measures on death of wild animals due to linear infrastructures that are passing through wildlife habitats" issued by the MoEFCC, New Delhi to ensure safe movement of wildlife and to minimize the wildlife accidents	As per the guidelines Structural Measures has proposed underpass of 5mt height and 25mt Width (5*25). Underpass is provided at the chainage 171+730 km which are the most probable locations of wild animals movement. The same has been approved by the PCCF & CWLW.
10	Warning signs about the animal movement are to be displayed at vantage places and speed regulations shall be imposed, based on the wildlife population in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State	Agreed and will be displayed the locations of warning signs above the animal crossings as per the guidance issued by CWLW/State Forest Department.
11	The State Forest Department shall carryout translocation of trees wherever feasible at the cost of the User Agency	Agreed and will be complied.
12	The User Agency shall strictly comply with the conditions recommended by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the Central Empowered Committee (CEC)	Agreed and will be complied.

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13	State Forest Department shall plant equal number of red sanders trees to be felled in the nearby forest area at the cost of the User Agency	The Budgetary provision of Rs. 2,21,629/-towards Raising of Red sanders plantation in the nearby forest area with 10 years maintenance details of payment has been already paid. Details of payment made is enclosed as {Annexure - I}.
14	The UA shall seek prior approval of GoI for any change in layout plan, if any	Agreed.
15	The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost	Agreed.
16	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	Agreed.
17	Mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion may be carried out by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned	Agreed.

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18	State Government shall follow due procedure before issuing working permission for the project required, if any	Agreed.
19	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	Agreed.
20	The dugout material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area proposed	Agreed and will be taken careof.
21	No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area; 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	Agreed & No labour camp will be established.
22	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel	Agreed.

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23	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work	Agreed and no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area.
24	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.42 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect	Agreed and will be followed.
25	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	Agreed and will be followed.
26	The User Agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and court orders for the time being in force, as applicable to the project	Agreed and will be followed.
27	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated 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 will be complied by the User Agency.

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28	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions made under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980	Agreed.
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- 3. NHAI had made the payment of Rs.1,68,96,111/- to the TAMILNADU CAMPA account as per the revised demand notice received from the DFO, Vellore Division vide letter No. C.No. 3075/2016/D1 dated 07.06.2022. Therefore, it is requested to take necessary action for recommending the Forest Clearance Proposal for granting Stage-II Clearance.
- 4. In view of the above, it is requested to grant necessary enter upon permission into Mahimandalam Reserved Forest for carrying out the road construction work of Bangalore Chennai Expressway.

Encl.: Annexure - I

Yours faithfully

(M.S.Chaithanya)
Project Director
PIU – Kancheepuram

Copy to for information and taking necessary action:

- 1. Chief General Manager (Tech), Tamil Nadu, NHAI.
- 2. The Regional Officer, NHAI, Chennai
- The Nodal Officer,
 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
 Panagal Maligai, Saidapet,
 Chennai 600 015.
- 4. The Joint Advisor (Plantation), NHAI, RO, Chennai.
- 5. The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle.
- 6. The District Collector, Vellore.
- 7. The District Forest Officer, Vellore Division.
- 8. The Team Leader, Bangalore Chennai Expressway, Phase-3, M/s. MSV International Inc. in association MSV International Tech Pvt. Ltd., Kancheepuram.
- 9. Project Manager, M/s. Montecarlo Bangalore Chennai Expressway P3P1 Pvt. Ltd.

Annexure - I

Sl. No.	Description	Amount in
		Rs.
1	Net Present Value	43,52,260
2	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	75,22,222
3	Raising and planting Red Sanders species along with 10 years maintenance	2,21,629
4	Implementation of Mitigation Plan	48,00,000
	TOTAL	1,68,96,111

The NHAI has made the payment to the State CAMPA account through RTGS on 04.07.2022 vide UTR Ref No: CNRBR52022070585577594 and in the PARIVESH portal, the payment made by NHAI is acknowledged as payment received screen shot of the online payment history downloaded from Parivesh Portal is enclosed herewith.

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