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To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
 Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
 Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
 Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
 Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District- 522503.

Subject: Diversion of 1.06 ha forest land in compartment No.1181 & 1182, Pedimikonda RF, Nathavaram Section, Anakapalli Division for laying and maintaining of 33 KV line (by APEPDCL) beside Narsipatnam – Tuni Road from Thandava Junction to Gandhi Nagar in favour of DEE, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No.2683/Section.II/2023/2284147 dated 06/03/2024 and Online Proposal No.FP/AP/TRANS/39550/2019 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed convey the Central Government's in-principle approval under Section 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the diversion of **1.06 ha** forest land in compartment No.1181 & 1182, Pedimikonda RF, Nathavaram Section, Anakapalli Division for laying and maintaining of 33 KV line (by APEPDCL) beside Narsipatnam – Tuni Road from Thandava Junction to Gandhi Nagar in favour of DEE, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
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 the User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation over an extent of 2.12 ha of degraded forest land in compartment No.1182, Pedimikonda RF in Pedimikonda beat, Nathavaram Section, Anakapalli Division at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.
4. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
5. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry

- vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.
6. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
 7. The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
 8. 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.
 9. The KML file of the area diverted and Compensatory Afforestation area shall be uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report.
 10. 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.
 11. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
 12. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
 13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
 14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the State Government.
 15. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 17. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.06 ha.
 18. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
 19. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
 20. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 21. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
 22. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
 23. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
 24. The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the scheduled tribes and other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Acts 2006.

25. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
26. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
27. Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adihiniyam 1980.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully

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(Balaji Kari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003
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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
4. The Divisional Engineer, APEPDCL, Divisional Electrical Office, Pedabodepalli, SS, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam -531 116, Andhra Pradesh.
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Signed by Balaji Kari

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