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Date:

To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: F(C) Act, 1980 -Diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.9934 ha (revised from 1.1188 ha) from Kaghaznagar to Kouthal to Yelur passing through various RFs of Kaghainagar Forest Division of Komaram Bheem-Asifabad District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited (earlier known as M/s.Telesonic Networks Limited):-reg.

Ref. : Online proposal No.:FP/TG/ROAD/119556/2021

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 69/For.I(1)/2022 dated 12.01.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/119556/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's **in-principle approval (Stage-1)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of 0.9934 ha from Kaghaznagar to Kouthal to Yelur passing through various RFs of Kaghajnagar Forest Division of Komaram Bheem-Asifabad District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited (earlier known as M/s.Telesonic Networks Limited) subject to following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The DFO/FDO concerned shall ensure that no violation of F(C) Act, 1980 takes place in the proposed forest area.
3. 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 by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned and report compliance.
4. The forest land shall not be handed over to the user agency till the final

approval/ working permission is accorded for diversion by the competent authority.

5. Compensatory Afforestation

- a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.00 ha degraded forest land (Compartment No. 46, Village-Itikalpahad Beat in Makidi section, Kagaznagar division, District- KB Asifabad) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- b. The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. 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 State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;
- c. 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 if required 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 works scheduled for subsequent years.
- d. Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.

6. Net Present Value:

- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV), wherever applicable as per the guidelines for the 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 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the 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 in this regard.
 - b. 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.
7. No Tree felling shall be done in the proposed forest land as indicated in the proposal.
 8. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 9. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be

transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal.

10. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
11. **The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of the cable, the ground shall be leveled.**
12. **The State Govt./User Agency shall obtain necessary approval under applicable law/rules/orders including procedural/regulatory requirements under the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, if applicable, from the competent authority.**
13. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
15. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
16. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
17. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
18. 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.
19. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
20. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
21. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
22. The user agency shall not violate any of the provisions of FCA, 1980 and Rules/ Guidelines made there under.
23. The In-principle approval accorded is valid for 2 years from the date of issue and within this period the compliance report shall be submitted to the Central government for considering issue of Formal approval.

Yours faithfully

(Kailash Bhimrao Bhawar)
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1. The IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CEO, CAMPA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
5. The Executive Engineer, R&B division, Komarabheem.
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