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To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
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**Subject: Diversion of 4.78 ha of forest land in Compt. No. 127 of Kondaveedu RF of Ameenabad Beat, Perecherla (V), Medikondur (M), Guntur for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal & Building Stone in favour of Sri Kunam Brahmananda Reddy, Ongole, Prakasam District-reg**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 3105/Section.II/2019 dated 08.11.2019 and online proposal No. FP/AP/QRY/37852/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and with approval of the competent authority, I am to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 diversion of 4.78 ha of forest land in Compt. No. 127 of Kondaveedu RF of Ameenabad Beat, Perecherla (V), Medikondur (M), Guntur for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal & Building Stone in favour of Sri Kunam Brahmananda Reddy, Ongole, Prakasam District-reg, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion 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. The User Agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone;

3. Compensatory afforestation over the identified non-forest land over an extent of **5.22 ha** of non-forest area in Sy Nos 1019 in Allinagaram Village of Komarole Mandal of Prakasham District shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds to be provided by the User Agency;
4. The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of **5.22 ha** of non forest area in Sy Nos 1019 in Allinagaram Village of Komarole Mandal of Prakasham District for raising compensatory afforestation 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, may be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;
5. A minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted forest area shall be planted in the identified CA land. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
6. The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **4.78 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 the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard;
8. 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;
9. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal(<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
10. In case the quarry lease is adjoining habitation, the stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the



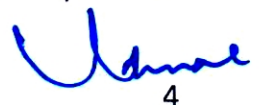


habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the User Agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/regeneration activities in the safety zone;

11. Safety zone shall be maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken up by the User Agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;
12. The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land over 1 ½ times the extent of safety zone at the project cost. The DGPS co-ordinates of the area shall be submitted along with compliance report;
13. The State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from the outer perimeter of the mining lease using native species at the project cost;
14. The User Agency shall undertake quarry and reclamation as per the approved quarry plan, and submit an annual compliance report to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada;
15. The diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under. The User Agency shall submit a copy of the quarry lease once obtained, to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for record;
16. The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
17. As the submitted mining plan is for a period of 5 years, revised mining plan shall be submitted to the IRO, Vijayawada for commencement of quarry operation from 6<sup>th</sup> year onwards;
18. Consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed regularly;



19. Only temporary storage sheds shall be set up in the area and no permanent structure shall be constructed;
20. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
21. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
22. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;
23. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.78 ha (including safety zone area). The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
24. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
25. The mitigative measures proposed for the protection of forest areas located adjacent to the quarry lease area shall be implemented from the first year itself at the project cost;
26. Any other condition that the Regional Officer (Central), 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;
27. 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;
28. The in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of the same. In the event of non- compliance



of the above conditions, this in-principle approval may be revoked as per the rules;

The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>); After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval.

Yours faithfully,



**(N.S.Murali)**

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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