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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 2.72 ha of forest land in compartment no.393 of Ravuru RF and compartment no. 392 of Ramayampatnam in Nellore Division for laying Petroleum pipeline with OFC from Krishnapatnam - Hyderabad in favour of BPCL, Hyderabad-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 1073/Section.II/2023/(2093229) dated 02.06.2023 and online application No. FP/AP/Others/144722/2021, 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 submitted by the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **2.72 ha** of forest land in compartment no.393 of Ravuru RF and compartment no. 392 of Ramayampatnam in Nellore Division for laying Petroleum pipeline with OFC from Krishnapatnam - Hyderabad in favour of BPCL, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

- (ii) 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.
- (iii) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over an extent of **5.48 ha** of degraded forest identified in compartment no.391, Kavali Range, Veerepalli RF, SPSR Nellore **at the cost of the User Agency;**
- (iv) The identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (v) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **2.72 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 guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022
- (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;
- (vii) 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/>);
- (viii) No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;



- (ix) Trees standing in the diverted area shall be felled strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- (x) The muck generated in the earth cutting, if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest area;
- (xi) 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;
- (xii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiii) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will 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;
- (xiv) **The user agency shall erect visible signage board at specific places along the pipe line;**
- (xv) The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
- (xvi) **The pipeline shall be laid at 1.6 meter below the ground level as proposed and after laying down of pipeline, the ground shall be leveled back;**
- (xvii) **The user agency shall carry out regular monitoring of the petroleum pipeline to be laid and submit a monthly monitoring report to the concerned DFOs for record and information;**

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- (xviii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **2.72 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xix) The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xx) Any other conditions that the Central Government or 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;
- (xxi) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.
- (xxii) 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 the above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,



(N.S.Murali)
Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department & HoFF, AP Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of 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
3. The IGF, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003 for information.
4. **Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd**, Bharat Bhavan, 4 and 6 Currimbhoy road, Ballard estate, Mumbai , Maharashtra 400001
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