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Date 22 February, 2022

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 4.938 ha of forest land in Armoor Division of Nizamabad District for laying road from Devakkapet to Thatipally in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Nizamabad- Regarding.

Madam,


Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 3663/For.I(1)/2021 dated 07.10.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/120907/2021 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.

The proposed area falls in Bheemgal RF Block with the road dimensions of 8229.23 m length and 6 m width. The carriage way is of 3.75 m wide at the centre of the proposed road and remaining 2.25 m is for shoulder/drainage on either side of the carriage ways. As per the report of State Forest Department, it is an existing old cart road which is proposed to be improved to metal road.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and as per the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) for IRO Hyderabad, in its 2nd REC meeting held on 09.02.2022, I am directed to convey the Central Government's *In-principle* approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **4.938 ha** of forest land in Bheemgal RF Block of Armoor Division of Nizamabad District for laying road from Devakkapet to Thatipally in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Nizamabad, 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 State Forest Department shall carryout compensatory afforestation @ 100 plants per ha and its maintenance in the identified Non Forest Land (NFL) admeasuring **4.938 ha** within the **16.1878 Ha** (identified in lieu of three projects) in Sy. No.360 of Kosil Village, Navipet Mandal of Nizamabad District, at the cost of the User Agency and entire **non-forest land identified shall be fenced as proposed.**
- (iv) As proposed, the State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation @ 1000 plants per ha and its maintenance over proportionate extent of area (4.938 ha) within the **14 ha** of Degraded Forest Land (DFL) identified in Comp. No.99 Sunket RF, Bheemgal beat of Bheemgal Section of Kammarpally Range of Armoor Division at the cost of the User Agency.
- (v) Identified CA areas (both NFL and DFL) and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Government of India.
- (vi) The identified Non Forest Land for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and same shall be notified as RF/PF by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval.
- (vii) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **4.938 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 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.
- (viii) Additional amount of 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.
- (ix) 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/>).
- (x) The User Agency shall restrict carriage way (BT portion) to 3.75 mtr only.
- (xi) Speed breakers and signages will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Area by the User Agency.
- (xii) The user agency shall provide suitable under/ over pass in Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW.




- (xiii) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost.
- (xiv) 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.
- (xv) 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.
- (xvi) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area.
- (xvii) The user agency shall erect proper signages and speed breakers at frequent intervals and curves on the road wherever necessary in consultation with the DFO concerned keeping in view of the Wildlife crossings.
- (xviii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xix) The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel, to labourer working at the site to avoid tree felling and damage to trees in adjoining forest area.
- (xx) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourer & staff engaged in execution of road work do not cause any damage/ disturbance to the nearby forest flora & fauna.
- (xxi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.938 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (xxii) 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 Government of India.

- (xxiii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xxiv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad 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.
- (xxv) 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.
- (xxvi) The compliance report shall be uploaded on eportal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of the compliance report on 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,


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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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