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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, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 2.355 ha of forest land in Compt No 384 of Basivireddipalle Extn "B" RF of Palamaner Range of Chittoor West Division for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V), Palamaner (M) including diversion system in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 5236/Section.II/2018 dated 01.01.2019 and 5236/Section-II/2018(699343) dated 08.09.2021 and online proposal No. FP/AP/IRRIG/27719/2017 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, I am directed to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 diversion of **2.355 ha** of forest land in Compt No 384 of Basivireddipalle Extn "B" RF of Palamaner Range of Chittoor West Division for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V), Palamaner (M) including diversion system in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner, 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;
3. The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory afforestation and its maintenance over identified non-forest land of **2.50 ha** out of **2.9 ha** in Sy No 105/2 & 105/3 (old Sy No 85) of Kaigallu Village of Baireddipalle Mandal in Chittoor District adjoining to the Compt No 247 of Thotakanuma RF & Beat, Palamaner Range, at the cost of the User Agency;
4. Entire non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation over an extent of **2.9 ha** in Sy No 105/2 & 105/3 (old Sy No 85) of Kaigallu Village of Baireddipalle Mandal in Chittoor District adjoining to the Compt No 247 of Thotakanuma RF & Beat, Palamaner Range, shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and same shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act. A copy of such original notification shall be furnished to this office **before Stage II approval for information and record**;
5. The approved compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **2.355 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;
7. 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;
8. **Proposed Wildlife Conservation Plan with financial out lay of Rs.77.00 Lakh shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;**
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. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land;
11. 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;
12. **The project involves submersion of forest area, hence suitable CAT plan may be prepared and furnish the same along with the compliance report. Cost towards implementation of CAT shall be realized from the User Agency;**
13. The User Agency shall endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized. Wherever necessary, the trees should be felled under the strict supervision of the DFO/ FDO concerned;
14. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency;
15. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done within and around the forest area proposed for diversion;
16. **Canal bank plantation shall be carried with suitable species at the project cost;**
17. The User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
18. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
19. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, Hon'ble Court order(s), for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;
20. The User Agency shall provide water to the State Forest Department for nurseries maintenance, wherever required;



21. 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 **2.355 ha**. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

22. 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;

23. 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;

24. 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; 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. 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)

Copy to:-

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