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Date 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

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,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522503

Subject: Diversion of 0.39 ha of Forest land for construction of Percolation Tank in Sy No 901, Compt No 487 of Tarimela RF of Singanamalamandal of Ananthapur District in Ananthapur Range of Ananthapur Division in favour of Technical Director, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapur -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. EFS01-12021/84/Section-II/2018 dated 14.09.2018 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, 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 0.39 ha of Forest land for construction of Percolation Tank in Sy No 901, Compt No 487 of Tarimela RF of Singanamalamandal of Ananthapur District in Ananthapur Range of Ananthapur Division in favour of Technical Director, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapur, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. 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 User Agency before Stage II approval;
3. The State Forest Department shall plant and maintain (for a period of 7 to 10 years) 10 times the number of trees to be felled in the forest land proposed for diversion in the nearby degraded forest land at the cost of the User Agency. The State Government shall furnish details of the degraded forest area with DGPS co-ordinates etc along with the compliance report;

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4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.39 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;
5. 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;
6. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation ,Net Present Value or any money for compliance of conditions stipulated in this approval letter shall only be deposited in the "**State CA fund**" of the **Andhra Pradesh State**;
7. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency;
8. Felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be kept reduced to the bare minimum and the felling shall be carried out under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
9. The DFO, Ananthapur Forest Division has reported that the proposed forest area is prone for erosion. Hence, the User Agency shall take measures to check soil erosion in the diverted forest area and adjoining forest area also, in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
10. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
11. The User Agency shall not make any kind of artificial path/canal etc to bring water to percolation tank from the hill;
12. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area proposed for diversion;
13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
14. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid tree felling;

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15. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall 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;
16. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.39 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;
17. 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;
18. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
19. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai 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;
20. Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Ananthapur Forest Division in Sl No 12 (v) (a) of part II i.e 121.431 ha of forest land and 1902.766 ha of non-forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
21. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of 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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Conservator of Forests (Central)

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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem Guntur-522004.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. Technical Director, Ecology Sector, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapur-515001.
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