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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 0.40 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment No. 114 of Tirupati Extension-A RF and Compartment No. 56 of Nagapatla RF, Tirupati WL Division for laying additional pipeline from Stage-I to Stage-2 along the road from Srinivasamangapuram to Srivarimettu in favour of Executive Engineer, TTD, Tirumala-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters Nos. 1058/Section.II/2022/(1714244) dated 11.05.2022 and 1058/Section.II/2022/(1714244) dated 25.11.2022 and online application No. FP/AP/Pipeline/141032/2021 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 **0.40 ha.** of forest land falling in Compartment No. 114 of Tirupati Extension-A RF and Compartment No. 56 of Nagapatla RF, Tirupati WL Division for laying additional pipeline from Stage-I to Stage-2 along the road from Srinivasamangapuram to Srivarimettu in favour of Executive Engineer, TTD, Tirumala, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at appropriate interval, at the cost of User Agency;

- (iii) The State Government shall carryout plantation and its maintenance of 100 numbers of trees in the nearby degraded forest area, at the cost of the User Agency and details like CA scheme, map with DGPS co-ordinates etc of such degraded forest area to be identified for compensatory afforestation shall be provided along with the compliance report;
- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.4 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;
- (v) 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;
- (vi) 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/>);
- (vii) 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 areas;
- (viii) **No Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried;**
- (ix) **As the proposed pipeline is falling in S.V. Wildlife Sanctuary, the State Government shall ensure to obtain approval of the competent authority under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and approval from competent authorities as per the ESZ notification, before execution of the project work;**
- (x) 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;
- (xi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;



- (xii) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby flora & fauna;
- (xiii) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.40** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xiv) 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;
- (xv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, IRO, 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;
- (xvi) 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.
- (xvii) 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:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Forest Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem Guntur-522004
2. The 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
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. Executive Engineer, Office of Executive Engineer-IX, Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams, Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh eeewaterworkstml@gmail.com
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