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Date 31st October, 2022

To,

The Spl. 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 0.43 ha. of forest land in Compartment no.354 & 355 of Sirivel Extn.II RF, Nuthala North Beat, Rudravaram Range, Nandyal (WLM) Division, Kurnool District for construction of intake well & Raw water pumping main for providing water supply scheme to the Allagadda town with Gandaleru Reservoir (Thundlavagu) in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Health, Kurnool- Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos 1989/Section.II/2022/(1823309) dated 22.09.2022 and online proposal No. FP/AP/WATER/143980/2021, 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 of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.43 ha.** of forest land in Compartment no.354 & 355 of Sirivel Extn.II RF, Nuthala North Beat, Rudravaram Range, Nandyal (WLM) Division, Kurnool District for construction of intake well & Raw water pumping main for providing water supply scheme to the Allagadda town with Gandaleru Reservoir (Thundlavagu) in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Health, Kurnool, 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 the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned, at the cost of User Agency;

- (iii) The State Government shall realize cost towards plantation of 10 times the trees to be felled under the project i.e. **5X10=50 trees**. The State Forest Department shall carry out plantation in the nearby degraded forest area from. **Map along with DGPS co-ordinates of the Degraded Forest area and CA scheme shall be furnished along with the compliance report;**
- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.43 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 User Agency shall obtain prior approval from the competent authority under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The State Government shall ensure all necessary clearances for the project under various Acts/ Rules / guidelines and before handing over of the forest area to the UA for non-forestry purpose and also implement suitable wildlife mitigation measures at the cost of the project;**
- (viii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (ix) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (x) 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 machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;



- (xi) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (xii) **Tree felling shall be carried out wherever necessary and under the strict supervision of DFO concerned;**
- (xiii) 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;
- (xiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.43 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xv) 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;
- (xvi) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional officer(Central) of the 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;
- (xvii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines.

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)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem Guntur-522004
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3. Inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003 **for information;**
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