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To,

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

Subject: Re-diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.5769 ha in various RFs of Amangal and Shamshabad forest divisions under Rangareddy District - for laying of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) Pipeline along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) for Hassan Cherlapali LPG Pipeline Project (HCPL) - in favour of M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited.- Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 2898/For.I(1)/2021 dated 28.08.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/Others/43424/2019 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 17.09.2021. The State Government vide letter No. 2898/For.I(1)/2021 dated 22.12.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for re-diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.5769 ha in various RFs of Amangal and Shamshabad forest divisions under Rangareddy District - for laying of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) Pipeline along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) for Hassan Cherlapali LPG Pipeline Project (HCPL) - in favour of M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The State Forest Department shall demarcate the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an appropriate interval from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

- (iii) No tree shall be cut and all enumerated trees shall be translocated to nearby degraded forest area and ensure proper maintenance of the same in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the cost of the Project;
- (iv) 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 User Agency;
- (v) 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;
- (vi) Width of the trench proposed for laying of LPG pipeline & OFC shall not exceed 2 mtrs. Depth of the trench shall be as per the standard specification for laying of such LPG pipeline and the User Agency shall display signage / Caution boards at appropriate places for safety and awareness;
- (vii) The User Agency shall monitor the LPG pipeline at regular interval to ensure safety and to avoid any accident. The User Agency shall submit such monitoring reports to the DFO concerned;
- (viii) 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;
- (ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (x) 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;
- (xi) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.5769 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xii) 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;
- (xiii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, IRO, 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;

- (xiv) 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.

Yours faithfully,

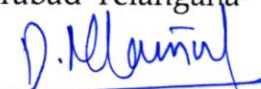


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