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To

The Addl Chief 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 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF / Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of six-lane highway-road from Chittoor to Thatchur (NH-716B) from km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor-Reg..**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 1487/Section.II/2022/(1767199) Dated: 13.07.2022 and 1487/Section.II/2022/(1767199) Dated: 19.09.2022 and online application No. FP/AP/ROAD/41508/2019 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 26.09.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 1487/Section.II/2022/(1767199) Dated: 24.04.2023 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **4.54 ha** of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF / Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of six-lane highway-road from Chittoor to Thatchur (NH-716B) from km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor, subject to the following conditions:-

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- (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 an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency;
- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of **10.63 ha** of degraded forest area in Compartment No 419 of Nagari RF, Puttur range, from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (iv) Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- (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;
- (vi) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (vii) The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project;
- (viii) Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- (ix) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- (x) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xii) The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;



- (xiii) 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;
- (xiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.54 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xv) 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;
- (xvi) The 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;
- (xvii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of 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;
- (xviii) 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;

Yours faithfully,



**(N.S.Murali)**

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
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. Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit (PIU), SRI Towers, 3rd Floor, DP-34 (SP) Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032- [chennaipiu@gmail.com](mailto:chennaipiu@gmail.com)
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