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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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

**Subject: Diversion of 0.05 ha of forest land from Gundlapalli to Bondevandapalle route along the road within existing Right of Way (Row) in Compartment Nos. 19 & 20 of Marella and Seshachalam Extn.RFs, Mellacheruvu & Ustikayalpenta Beat, Piler Range, Chittoor East Division, for laying underground optical fibre cable in favour of M/s. Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad -reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos. 1970/Section.II/2021 (1534657) dated 01.12.2021 and online proposal No. FP/AP/OFC/49705/2020 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 12.12.2021. The State Government vide letter No.1970/Section.II/2021 (1534657) dated 30.09.2022 (received through online on 28.04.2023) have 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 **0.05 ha** of forest land from Gundlapalli to Bondevandapalle route along the road within existing Right of Way (Row) in Compartment Nos. 19 & 20 of Marella and Seshachalam Extn.RFs, Mellacheruvu & Ustikayalpenta Beat, Piler Range, Chittoor East Division, for laying underground optical fiber cable in favour of M/s. Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad, 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 an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) **Ten times** the number of trees to be felled under the project shall be planted by the State Forest Department in the identified degraded forest area over an extent of 0.55 ha in Compt No 19 of Marella RF Mellacheruvu Beat Rompicherla Section of Piler Range from the amount has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (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 the 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) The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the OFC line. The maximum size of the trench shall **not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 1000 mtr length and 0.5 mtr width;**
- (vii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) 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;
- (x) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xi) 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;



- (xii) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.05 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xiii) 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;
- (xiv) 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;
- (xv) 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,



**(N.S.Murali)**

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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