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F.No. No4-APB151/2022-VIJ/370

Dated : 1st June, 2024

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 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mount) in compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 15/Section,II/2022(1610054) dated 16.03.2022 & 29.08.2022 and online proposal No. FP/AP/ROAD/145376/2021, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval by the Central Government vide letter F.No.4-APB151/2022-VIJ/570 dated 17.09.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 15/Section,II/2022/1610054 Dated: 28.05.2024 has 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 final approval under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.46 ha** of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mount) in compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur, subject to fulfillment of 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 the User Agency;
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory **afforestation (ten times the tree to be felled in the proposed area for diversion i.e. 128X10=1280 numbers of plants)** in 1.20 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Compartment No. 22, Mekapadu RF, Vinukonda Range at the

cost of 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 User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- vi. The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project;
- vii. Felling of trees shall be carried out wherever necessary and with strict supervision of State Forest Department. The User Agency shall carry out translocation of trees wherever feasible in consultation with DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- 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 firewood 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 **0.46 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 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. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with;
- xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

(Balaji Kari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Inspector General of Forests, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavarana Bhavan, JorBagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003
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Signed by Balaji Kari

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