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Date 16th June, 2023

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 forest land over an extent of 0.14 ha. of forest land in Compt.No.973, K.Polavaram RF Block, Yelamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam, for laying underground pipeline from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal to draw sea water in favour of M/s. KSR Prince Hatcheries Ltd., Visakhapatnam- reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No. 94/Section.II/2020 (1173039) dated 18.11.2021 and online proposal No FP/AP/Pipeline/41405/2019 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 22.12.2021. The UT Forest Department vide letter No. 94/Section.II/2020 dated 04.05.2023 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 forest land over an extent of **0.14 ha.** of forest land in Compt.No.973, K.Polavaram RF Block, Yelamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam, for laying underground pipeline from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal to draw sea water in favour of M/s. KSR Prince Hatcheries Ltd., Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Demarcated pillars shall be maintained and same shall not be altered;

- (iii) As proposed, the State Forest Department shall raise and maintain 2650 samplings in the identified DFL area over an extent of **2.50 ha** in compartment no.667, Pedapalli RF, near Mettapalem Village, Regupalem Beat of Yellamanchili Range, from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (iv) This proposal intends to fell trees acting as shelter belts, hence appropriate mitigation measures shall be implemented in that locality to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc at the cost of the UA. As proposed **Casuarina** plantation shall be raised over an extent of **1.40 ha** forest area identified in **compartment no.973, K.Polavaram Forest Block** to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc. from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (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 User Agency;
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) **The State Government shall ensure that all approvals including CRZ clearance, required if any before handing over of the forest land;**
- (viii) Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out wherever necessary, with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- (ix) Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees at the cost of the user agency;
- (x) 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;
- (xi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;



- (xii) 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;
- (xiii) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.14** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xiv) 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;
- (xv) 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;
- (xvi) 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)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department & HoFF, AP Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
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
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