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F.No. 4-APC191/2022-VIJ/456

Dated 20th August, 2024

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  
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**Subject: Diversion of 5.94 ha of forest land in Nellore division for upgradation of NH-167 B from Km.58/500 to Km.62/963 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada- Reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters Nos. 2102/Section.II/2022/(1838119) dated 13.10.2022, 2102/Section.II/2022/(1838119) dated 21.04.2023 and online application No. FP/AP/ROAD/33876/2018 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 (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter F.No. 4-APC191/2022-VIJ/983 dated 02.06.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 2102/Section.II/2022/1838119 Dated: 05.08.2024 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 (**Stage-II**) under "2(1)" of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **5.94 ha** of forest land in Nellore division for upgradation of NH-167 B from Km.58/500 to Km.62/963 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada, 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 over an extent of 12.00 ha (within 13.08 ha) of degraded forest area identified in

- compartment no. 475 of Guderipalem RF, Udayagiri Range**, at the cost of 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. Mitigation measures as per the Approved WL mitigation plan by the CWLW, shall be implemented at the cost of the User Agency and such amount shall be deposited in to the designated CAMPA account;
  - vii. Trees shall be felled wherever necessary under the strict supervision of the DFO concerned. As the significant numbers of red sanders trees to be felled under the project, at the cost of the User Agency, the, State Government shall raise required number of red sanders in the nearby forest area in compensation to proposed felling of such species;
  - viii. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
  - ix. The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project;
  - x. 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 waterlogging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
  - xi. 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;
  - xii. The dug-out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
  - xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
  - xiv. 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;
  - xv. 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;
  - xvi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **5.94 ha ( width of the road diverted includes 1.65 mtrs existing shoulders portion and width shall be restricted strictly as per the REC deliberation)** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
  - xvii. 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;
  - xviii. 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;

- xix. 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;
- xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

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**(Balaji Kari)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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**Signed by Balaji Kari**

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