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F.No. 4-APB187/2022-VIJ/455

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.99 ha forest land in compartment No.4, Nizampatnam RF, Guntur Division for extension of Quay/Jetty of existing Fishery Harbor, Nizampatnam during Phase-II development in favour of Managing Director, APMIDCL, Vijayawada -reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 1923/Section.II/2022/(1818528) Dated: 08.09.2022 and online application No. FP/AP/Others/148951/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter F.No. 4-APB187/2022-VIJ /574 dated 22.09.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 1923/Section.II/2022/1818528 Dated: 04.08.2024 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) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.99 ha** forest land in compartment No.4, Nizampatnam RF, Guntur Division for extension of Quay/Jetty of existing Fishery Harbor, Nizampatnam during Phase-II development in favour of Managing Director, APMIDCL, 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 (ten times the tree to be felled in the proposed area for diversion i.e. 53X10=530 numbers of plants)** in the degraded forest land identified in Compt No.371, Gorrepadu Beat of Vadapalem Section in Chirala Range at the cost of the User Agency.
- (iv) In addition to above mandatory CA plantation, State Forest Department may carry out plantation of mangrove plantation wherever possible around diverted area at the cost of the User Agency;
- (v) No residential building shall be constructed in the diverted forest area;
- (vi) The User Agency shall obtain EC / CRZ clearance, if applicable to the Project;
- (vii) As proposed by the DFO, Guntur Forest Division, the State Forest Department may take up Chain link fencing along the boundary of RF area, containing mangrove growth, adjoining the proposed diversion area and erection of signage/display boards on conservation of Wildlife and forest protection, at the cost of the User Agency;
- (viii) 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;
- (ix) 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;
- (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 **0.99 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) No new path or road shall be formed while execution of the project work;
- (xviii) 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;
- (xix) 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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