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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, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
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Subject: Diversion of 38.60 ha (revised from 54.00 ha) of forest land falling in Muthukur and Markpur RF, Markapur WL Division (presently PT Markapur Division) in favour of the Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada Division for rehabilitation and up-gradation of National Highway-565 from km 133.922 to km 154.900 (Davupally to Mallapalem Junction) to two lanes with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV- reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 559/Section.II/2023/2027951 dated 19.04.2023 and 03.10.2023 and online application No. FP/AP/ROAD/146577/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval by the Central Government vide letter F.No. 4-APA208/2023-VIJ/1371 dated 06.11.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 559/Section.II/2023/2027951 Dated: 23.09.2024 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) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **38.60 ha (revised from 54.00 ha)** of forest land falling in Muthukur and Markpur RF, Markapur WL Division (presently PT Markapur Division) in favour of the Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada Division for rehabilitation and up-gradation of National Highway-565 from km 133.922 to km 154.900 (Davupally to Mallapalem Junction) to two lanes with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, 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 the User Agency;
- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of **90.00 ha within the 115.03 ha** degraded forest area identified in the following four bits at the cost of the User Agency;

SI No	Particulars	Location	Extent of area
01	Bit -I	Compt No 193 of Gangavarani RF	25 ha (within bit area of 30.04 ha)
02	Bit -II	Compt No 187 of ENB XII RF Mallepalem Beat, Y.Palem section of Y Palem Range	25 ha (within bit area of 38.02 ha)
03	Bit -III	Compt No 188 of ENB XII RF Mallepalem Beat, Y.Palem section of Y Palem Range	20 ha (within bit area of 22.33 ha)
04	Bit -IV	Compt No 166 & 175 of ENB-XRF Komarolu Beat Y.Palem section of Y Palem Range	20 ha (within bit area of 24.64 ha)

- (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. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

- (vi) The State Government / UA shall strictly implement approved Wildlife mitigation plan and all other recommendation of the SC NBWL, at the cost of the project;
- (vii) Trees shall be felled wherever necessary under the strict supervision of the DFO concerned;
- (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 carry out 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 State Government shall ensure settlement of eligible RoFR holders, if any as per the rules / regulation as per the R&R Scheme;
- (xiv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xv) 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;
- (xvi) 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;

- (xvii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **38.60 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (xviii) 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;
- (xix) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xx) 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 with by the user agency;
- (xxi) 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,



(Balaji Kari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Signed by Balaji Kari

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