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To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

**Subject: Diversion of 24.7539 ha against 189.6808 ha proposed in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tracks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancheria Districts in favour of South Central Railway Secunderabad-reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 595/For.I(1)/2019 dated 16.02.2019 and online application No. FP/TG/RAIL/34624/2018 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 19.06.2019. The State Government vide letter No 595/For.I(1)/2019 dated 25.1.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for of **24.7539 ha against 189.6808 ha proposed (i.e. reuse of 7.6436 ha within the already diverted forest area during 1982 and 17.1103 ha within the forest area in possession with railways)** in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tracks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancheria Districts in favour of South Central Railway Secunderabad, subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground by the State Forest Department from the amount which is claimed to be realized from the User Agency;

3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the identified double the degraded forest area from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
4. The CA scheme prepared for the forest blocks with an area of **25 ha in Asifabad** Division with estimated outlay of **Rs.240.654 lakhs** and an area of **25 ha in Kagaznagar** Forest Division with a financial outlay of **Rs. 226.374 lakhs**, submitted by the PCCF Telangana may not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. As far as possible, a mixture of local, indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
5. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
6. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
7. Speed regulating signages will be erected all along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
8. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
10. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
11. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
12. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
13. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;



14. All conditions as recommended by the SC-NBWL shall be binding and complied with by the User Agency / State Government at the project cost. In case of requirement of modifications, for whatever reason, of condition(s) recommended by the SC -NBWL, then the State Government shall obtain prior approval of SC -NBWL / Ministry, as the case may be, for modification of such condition(s) & such modified condition(s) shall be complied with and shall be communicated to IRO, Hyderabad for information and record purpose;
15. The State Forest Department shall carry out Wildlife Mitigative measures from the amount of Rs. 52,00,000/- claimed to be deposited by the User Agency with the BIOSAT account;
16. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
17. The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;
18. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
19. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of User Agency;
20. Work shall be taken up only during day time;
21. The User Agency shall construct proposed 46 number of bridges with splayed wing walls (funnel shaped) at the ends and ensure vegetation as proposed at the project cost, to ensure safe animal movement;
22. In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wild animals, especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals;
23. Appropriate soil conservation measures shall be taken by the State Forest department, to reduce silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impact on the water bodies, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;



24. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **24.7539 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
25. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
26. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad 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;
27. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;

Yours faithfully



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