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F.No. 4-APC132/2021-VIJ/598

Date: 30th December, 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 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Kin. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadapur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter 1146/Section.II/2021 dated 25.08.2021 and 1146/Section.II/2021/(1448475) Dated 18.10.2022 and online application No. No. FP/AP/ROAD/28853/2017, 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 by the Central Government vide letter F.No. 4-APC132/2021-VIJ /723 dated 28.11.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 1146/Section.II/2021/1448475 Dated: 29.11.2024 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) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **25.31 ha.** of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Kin. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadapur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 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 **51.05 ha** of degraded forest area identified in Compt No 25 Bhadramchalam RF of Nellipaka Range of Chintur, 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) Translocation of important species may only be carried out in planned manner subject to technical feasibility for planting in the nearby degraded forest areas and shall ensure survival of such translocated trees, at the cost of the User Agency;
- (vii) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (viii) The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project;
- (ix) 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 water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- (x) 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;

- (xi) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiii) The User Agency shall provide firewood 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;
- (xiv) 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;
- (xv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **25.31 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xvi) 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;
- (xvii) 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;
- (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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