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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From **To,**
Sri.R.M.Dobriyal , IFS, The Chief Secretary to Government & Special Chief
 Principal Chief Conservator of **Secretary to Government,**
 Forests **Forest Department,**
 & Head of Forest Force **Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat,**
 Aranya Bhawan, Saifabad, **Telangana State, Hyderabad.**
 Telangana, **Hyderabad-**
500004.

Madam,

Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022-FCA Section (6696/2021/FCA-3), Dated:29/09/2023

Sub: TSFD – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of of forest land to an extent of **1.7844 Ha** in WLM Gudur division of Mahabubabad district for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited- **Submission of EDS Replies** - Regarding.

Ref:

1. Senior Director, M/s. Telangana –Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Lr.No.T-Fiber/Operations/RoW/669, Dt.04.02.2021
2. PCCF's Rc. No.9219/2020/FCA-3, dt.15.02.2021.
3. Senior Director, M/s. Telangana –Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Lr.No.T-Fiber/Projects/RoW/888, Dt.26.04.2021.
4. PCCF's Rc. No.6696/2021/FCA-3, dt.01.06.2021.
5. CF, Kothagudem, Rc.No.238/2021/M3(i), Dt.18.11.2021.
6. PCCF's Rc. No.6696/2021/FCA-3, Dt.22.12.2021.
7. CF, Kothagudem, Rc.No.238/2021-22/M3, Dt.02.07.2022.
8. Forest (Conservation) Rules,2022 published vide MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi Gazette Number GSR 480 (E), Dt.28.06.2022 and communicated in MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.29.06.2022
9. MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.18.07.2022.
- 10.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022-FCA Section(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.22.08.2022.
- 11.GoTS, EFS&T (For-I) Dept, Lr.No.4483/For.I(1)/2022, Dt.07.09.2022.
- 12.GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No.FC/08/IRO-HYD/FC Rule(2022)/742, Dt.07.10.2022.
- 13.Govt Memo.No.5052/For.I(1)/2022, Dt.29.10.2022.
- 14.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022-FCA Section(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.30.10.2022.
- 15.GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi, F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.14.11.2022.
- 16.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022-FCA Section(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.18.11.2022.
- 17.DIGF(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB312/2022-HYD/548, Dt.13.12.2022.
- 18.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022-FCA

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Section(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.16.12.2022.

19.CCF, Bhadraburi Circle, Rc.No.1871/2022/DM, Dt.24.02.2023.

20.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022-FCA
Section(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.29.03.2023.

21.CCF, Bhadraburi Circle, Rc.No.1871/2022/DM, Dt.14.06.2023.

22.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022-FCA
Section(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.11.07.2023

23.CCF, Bhadraburi Circle, Rc.No.1871/2022/DM, Dt.11.07.2023.

It is to inform that the vide reference 17th cited, the DIGF(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO Hyderbad has sought additional information and requested to furnish the information for taking further necessary action. In compliance to the instructions issued by this office vide reference 18th cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadraburi Circle vide reference 19th, 21st and 23rd cited has furnished the desired information. The details of the information requested and replies are as follows:

S.No.	Essential Details Sought	Replies
1.	The existence and nature of RoW as per the RF notification in each of the stretch	<p>The User Agency has proposed 0.45 Mtrs. Width for each of the stretch.</p> <p>For Pakhal, Khanapur, Guduru, Chintaguda Forest Blocks – the RoW is 12m.'</p> <p>For Ponugonda Forest Block – the RoW is 6m.</p>
2.	Report on violation does not clearly says whether the violation actually happened in the area/alignment proposed for diversion or elsewhere. Further, the report on violation is not clear about the agency involved, nature of violation indicating the nature/type and extent of violation and the persons/agency responsible for the said violation and action taken by the Forest Department on the violators along with relevant documents	<p>The District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad reported that the violation has been occurred on the ground by the Contractor who was engaged by the User Agency. At that time, the staff has alerted and stopped the diversion or elsewhere. Further, work. POR has been issued for violation of work i.e., Excavation of gravel was done for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by digging of gravel from Reserve Forest area in Compartment No.990, Guduru Reserve Forest, etc. Therefore, a detailed report Macherla Beat and Section, Guduru Range to an indicating the nature/type, extent of 0.25 Ha. with a Volume of 61.484 Cmt. and extent of violation and the C-Fees has collected and stopped the work. Further, the District Forest Officer reported that no further works was allowed by the Forest Department, thus no action is registered on the Staff of the Forest Department; and a show cause notice was issued to the T-Fiber vide DFO, Mahabubabad, Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, Dt.26.06.2023 to submit the details of the official involved during the violation.</p> <p>The detailed report along with the POR Copies and other related documents are enclosed herewith.</p>
3	Applicability of CA and NPV is	1. The CA (PCA) scheme was prepared for raising of

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	<p>to be intimated as per the prevailing norms</p> <p>plantation on 1.7844 ha in degraded forest land at the cost of User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation.</p> <p>2. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that equivalent CA-NFL land proposed for diversion of forest land will be handed to Forest Department and requested to process the proposal.</p> <p>3. The District Forest Officer has raised NPV and Penal NPV as per the latest rates issued by Ministry.</p> <p>Copies of the CA scheme and NPV details are enclosed herewith.</p>
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The above information is submitted for your kind information and necessary action.

Encl:As above.

Signed by Rakesh Mohan

Dobriyal

Date: 29-09-2023 19:19:15

Reason: Approved

Yours faithfully,

(Rakesh Mohan Dobriyal)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

& Head of Forest Force

Advance copy submitted to the Regional Officer (Central), GOI, MoEF & Climate Change, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone) HEPC Building, 1st& 2nd Floor, HEPC Building 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034 for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadravati Circle, HQ Warangal for information.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad and Forest Divisional Officer, WLM Guduru for information.

Copy to M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, 7th Floor, Splendid Towers, Near Rasoolpura Metrorail Station, S.P. Road, Begumpet, Hyderabad, 500003 for information.

Copy to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (CWLW), O/o the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), TS, Hyderabad for information.



TELANGANA FIBER GRID CORPORATION LTD

Lr. No.: T-FIBER/Projects/RoW/2023-24/ 2309006

Date: 04.09.2023

To
The District Forest Officer
 Mahabubabad District
 Mahabubabad, Telangana

Dear Sir,

Sub: Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation (T-Fiber) Project – ITE&C Department – Submission of Undertaking letter for Non-Forest Land for Gudur Division (1.7844 Ha)-Reg.

Ref: Lr. No.: ITEC-15/TFG/3/2023-Electronics, Dated: 15.05.2023 from Prl. Secy (ITE&C) to CCLA

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We invite your kind attention to the subject and reference cited above. We inform you that, as per the directions received from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, that “for proposals which are not passing through the existing Right of Way (RoW), including non-notified roads, the equivalent Non-Forest Land (NFL) needs to be identified and transferred to the State Forest Department for taking further necessary action”.

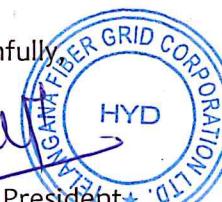
We submit that T-Fiber has already initiated the process of identification of the land centrally in one place for the entire project. The Prl. Secretary, ITE&C department vide reference cited above, has requested the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA), Telangana State to provide the details of the land bank, which could be issued as NFL to the forest department. T-Fiber project was declared as ‘Vital Public Purpose Project’, hence completion of T-Fiber project is very crucial.

We request you to consider this as an **Undertaking** that the required NFL to be transferred against the proposals submitted pertaining to Gudur Forest division(1.7844 Ha). We request you, to process the proposals submitted for RoW permissions.

Thanking you,

Encl: Prl.Secy, ITE&C Letter Copy

Yours faithfully,

 Associate Vice President


Copy to the PCCF(HOFF) for information

Jayesh Ranjan IAS
Principal Secretary to Government



Information Technology, Electronics
& Communications Department
Government of Telangana

Lr.No.ITEC-15/TFG/3/2023-Electronics, Dt:15.05.2023

Dear Sir,

Sub: ITE&C Department – Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation (T-Fiber) Project – Transfer of Non-Forest Land (NFL) to State Forest Department in Districts of Telangana – Reg.

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As you are aware that the Government of Telangana has incorporated an SPV, Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Ltd., ("T-Fiber") as a State implementing agency to establish a state-of-the-art digital network infrastructure that is long-lasting, resilient, secure, scalable, and carrier-grade to provide affordable, high speed broadband connectivity from State Headquarters to all homes, government offices and enterprises in the State of Telangana.

As part of project implementation, RoW permissions are required from various State and Central departments like Forest, NHAI, GAS, etc. Accordingly, proposals for the diversion of Forest Land for laying Optical Fiber Cable in 36 Forest Divisions of Telangana were submitted to the forest department. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, has communicated that "for proposals which are not passing through the existing Right of Way (RoW), including non-notified roads, the equivalent Non-Forest Land (NFL) needs to be identified and transferred to the State Forest Department for taking further necessary action".

In order to complete the T-Fiber project works within the targeted timelines, the transfer of NFL to the State Forest Dept. is considered as a critical activity, as it is interlinked with the release of permissions for project implementation from the Forest Department.

In this regard, you are requested to provide the details of land bank available across all Districts of Telangana, which could be transferred to the State Forest Department. This will help in issuing necessary instructions to respective District Collectors for further necessary actions.

With

Regards

Yours faithfully

Jayesh Ranjan

(JAYESH RANJAN)

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration
Nampally Station Road
Abids, Hyderabad
Telangana – 500001

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

From:
Sri. D. Bheema., IFS.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhadradri Circle, Warangal.

To:
The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State,
HYDERABAD

Rc.No.1871/2022/DM, Dated: 06.08.2023

By R.P.A.D



Sir,

Sub :- TS – Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 1.7844 Ha of Forest land in WLM Gudur Division of Mahabubabad District for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited – Action Taken Report on Violation against concerned the Forest Department officials and User Agency – Report submitted - Regarding.

Ref: -

1. PCCF, TS, Hyd Rc.No. PCCF-FC3/FC15/882022, Dated: 30.10.2022.
2. GoTs, EFS&T (For-I) Dept., Lr.No. 4483/For.I(1)/2022, Dated: 07.09.2022.
3. GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No. FC/08/IRO-HYD/FC Rule(2022)/742, Dated: 07.10.2022.
4. PCCF, TS., Hyd Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section (6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.30.10.2022
5. PCCF, TS., Hyd Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section (6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.16.12.2022
6. DFO, Mahabubabad Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, Dt.14.02.2023
7. CCF, Bhadrak R.C. No.1871/2022/DM, Dt.24.02.2023
8. DFO, Mahabubabad R.C. No.975/2021-22/TO, Dt.23.05.2023
9. CCF, Bhadrak R.C. No.1871/2022/DM, Dt.16.06.2023
10. PCCF, TS., Hyd Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section (6696/2021/FCA-3), dt:11.07.2023
11. DFO, Mahabubabad R.C. No.975/2021-22/TO, Dt.05.08.2023

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Adverting to the references 10th cited above, it is submitted that, the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad vide reference 11th cited above has submitted that, vide reference 10th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has instructed to furnish the Action Taken Report against concerned Forest Department Officials and User Agency on violation for forwarding the EDS reply to the Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF & CC.

In this regard, the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad has submitted that, at the time of violation occurred by the third party i.e., Contractor, the staff has alerted and stopped the work, POR has issued for violation of work i.e., Excavation of gravel was done for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by digging of gravel from Reserve Forest area in Compartment No.990, Guduru Reserve Forest, Macherla Beat and Section, Guduru Range to an extent of 0.25 Ha with a Volume of 61.484 Cmt and the C-Fees has collected and stopped the work.

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In this regard, the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad has submitted that, as no further works was allowed by the Forest Department, no action is registered on the staff of the Forest Department.

Further, the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad has submitted that, a Show Notice was issued to the T-Fiber (User Agency) vide DFO, Mahabubabad Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, Dt:26.06.2023 to submit the details of the officials involved during the violation.

Therefore, based on the report of the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad, the action taken report on the forest department officials and user agency are submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad for favour of kind perusal and further necessary action.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- D.Bheema Naik
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhadradri Circle, Warangal.

Copy submitted to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Copy to District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad District for information.

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Superintendent 6/8/2023

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO.

Dt:05.08.2023.

From:
Sri T. Ravi Kiran, I.F.S.,
District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.

To:
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhadradri Circle,
Warangal.

Sir,

Sub: TS – Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 1.7844 Ha of Forest land in WLM Gudur Division of Mahabubabad District for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited – Additional information called for – Report submitted - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad
Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section (6696/2021/FCA-3), dt:16.12.2022.
2. District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, dt:14.02.2023 &
22.06.2023.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad
Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section (6696/2021/FCA-3), dt:11.07.2023.

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Adverting to the subject and references cited above, it is submitted that, in continuation to the reference 2nd cited above, it is submitted that, vide reference 3rd cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has instructed the undersigned to furnish the Action Taken Report against concerned the Forest Department Officials and User Agency for forwarding the EDS reply to the Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF & CC.

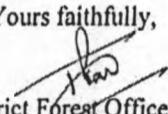
In this regard, it is submitted that, at the time of violation occurred, the staff has stopped the work, POR was issued for violation of work and Show Cause Notice was issued to the User-Agency vide this Office Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, dt:02.08.2023 for Excavation of gravel was done for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by digging of gravel from Reserve Forest area in Compartment No.990, Guduru Reserve Forest, Macherla Beat and Section, Guduru Range to an extent of 0.25 Ha. with a Volume of 61.484 Cmt. and the C-Fees was collected and stopped the work.

As, no further works was allowed by the Forest Department, no action is registered on the staff of Forest Department.

Further, a Notice was issued to the T-Fiber (User Agency) vide this office Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, dt:26.06.2023 to submit the details of the officials involved during the violation.

This is submitted for favour of kind information.

Yours faithfully,


District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.

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Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad
for favour of kind information.

Copy to the Forest Divisional Officer, Guduru (WLM) for information.


District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENTRc.No.975/2021-22/TO,
Date:26.06.2023.O/o. the District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.

From:
Sri T. Ravi Kiran, I.F.S.,
(FAC) District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.

To:
M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited,
7th Floor, Splendid Towers,
Near Rasoolpura Metrorail Station, S.P.Road,
Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500003.

Sir,

Sub: TS - Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 - Proposal for diversion of 1.7844 Ha of Forest land in WLM Gudur Division of Mahabubabad District for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited - Part-II filled and submitted for stage - I approval - Request for action taken report - Violation Report enclosed - Instructions Issued - Report called for - Request - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Show Cause Notice issued by the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, dt:02.08.2021.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section (6696/2021/FCA-3), dt:16.12.2022.

Adverting to the subject and reference cited above, it is submitted that, vide reference cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has issued instructions to the undersigned for examination of the proposal and submission of action taken report by which the violation is carried out.

In this regard, it is submitted that, during the period on 06.07.2021 violation work is carried out in lieu of diversion of 1.7844 Ha of Forest land in WLM Gudur Division of Mahabubabad District for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, a show Cause Notice has issued to the User Agency and Violation Report has submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad and the same is enclosed herewith.

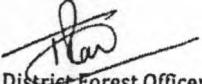
Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has requested the undersigned to submit the action taken report on employees who are working at the time of violation.

In this regard, the User Agency i.e., M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited is requested to submit the employees who are working in the above project for the said period so as to submit the details to the Head Office for necessary action.

Treat this as Most Urgent.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

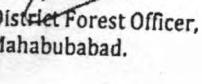

(FAC) District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad for favour of kind information.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadrak Circle, Warangal for favour of kind information.

Copy to the Forest Divisional Officer, Guduru (WLM) for information and necessary action.


(FAC) District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.


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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENTRc.No.975/2021-22/TO
Date:02-08-2021.Office of the District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.From:
Sri T. Ravi Kiran, I.F.S.,
(FAC) District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.To:
M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited,
7th Floor, Splendid Towers,
Near Rasoolpura Metrorail Station, S.P.Road,
Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500003.SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sir,

Sub:- TSFD - Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 & Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 - Violation of Act by taking up certain Non-Forestry works for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited by diversion of 1.7844 Ha of forest land in Guduru (WLM) Division - Show cause notice Issued - Furnish Explanation of User Agency - Regarding.

Ref:- Prl., Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC), Telangana State, Hyderabad Rc.No.7087/2021/WL-1, dt:06.05.2021 received on 09.07.2021.
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Attention of the M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, 7th Floor, Splendid Towers, Near Rasoolpura Metrorail Station, S.P.Road, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500003 is invited to the subject cited. Proposal for diversion of 1.7844 Ha of Forest land in WLM Gudur Division of Mahabubabad District for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited - Part-II filled and submitted for stage - I approval in has started the work without taking prior permission from Government of India under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. It is presumed that the said work is taken up in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and /Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Wherever WK Act applicable) by you.

In this regard, it is further informed that the undersigned has inspected the above proposed area passing through Compt.No.749 of Pakhal Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.720, 721 & 722 of Pakhal Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.704, 705, 706 & 707 of Pakhal Reserve Forest, Compt.No.674/2 of Khanapur Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.1107 & 1108 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt. No.1106 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt.No.1102 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.1109 a & b of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt.No.1097 of Guduru -I Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.1102 & 1085 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.1077, 1078, 1079 &1081 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt. No.1045 of Ponugodu Reserve Forest, Compt.No.1043 of Ponugodu Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.1036 & 1037 of Ponugodu Reserve Forest, Compt.No.1050 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt. No.1002 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.1116, 1001 & 999 of Guduru-I Reserve Forest, Compt. No.988 of Guduru-I Reserve Forest, Compt. No.951 of Guduru-I Reserve Forest, Compt.Nos.950, 958 & 990 of Guduru-I Reserve Forest which are falling in the Pakhal Wild Life Sanctuary area, Compt. Nos.917 & 918 of Chintaguda Reserve Forest which is falling in the Eco Sensitive Zone Area along with concerned Forest Range Officers, Gudur and found that the User Agency started laying of optical Fiber Cable without prior approval from the Government of Telangana State under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 by laying of Optical Fiber Cable by digging of gravel from Reserve Forest area in Compartment No.990, Guduru Reserve Forest, Macherla Beat and Section, Guduru Range to an extent of 0.25 Ha. with a Volume of 61,484 Cmt. and the C-Fees has collected.

In view of the above the User Agency is informed to furnish the copy of approval received from the Government of Telangana under the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 to this office immediately, otherwise it will be presumed that the said work is taken up in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and /Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Wherever WK Act applicable) by the User Agency.

In this regard, it is informed that no Non-Forestry works can be taken up in the forests without prior permission from the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Further

Section 3-A of the said Act deals with penalty for contravention of the Act and Section 3-B deals with offences committed by the authorities and Government Departments as reproduced below:

Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 restricts the de-reservation of forests or use of forest land or non-forest purpose. i.e.,

"Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force in a State, No State Government or other authority shall make, except with the prior approval of the Central Government, any order directing".

- I. That any Reserved Forest or any portion thereof, shall cease to be Reserved.
- II. That any Forest land or any portion thereof may be used for any non-Forest purpose.
- III. That any forest land or any portion thereof may be assigned by way of lease or otherwise to any private person or any authority, corporation, agency or any other organization not owned, managed or controlled by Government.
- IV. That any Forest land or any portion thereof may be cleared of trees which have grown naturally in that land or portion, for the purpose of using it for re-Afforestation."

Provisions of the Act dealing with violations: Section 3A and 3B deals with penal provisions for contravention of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Section 3B specifically deals with the violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 committed by the authorities and Government Departments which is reproduced as follows:

Section 3A of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980: Penalty for contravention of the provisions of the Act:-

Whoever contravenes or abets the contravention of any provisions of Section 2, shall be punishable with simple imprisonment for a period, which may extend to 15 days.

Section 3B of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980: Offences by Authorities and Government Departments:

- (1) Where any offences under this Act has been committed:
 - (a) By any department of Government, the head of the department: or
 - (b) By any authority, every person who, at the time the offence was committed, was directly in charge of, and was responsible to, the authority for the conduct of the business of the authority as well as the authority:

Shall be deemed to be guilty of the offences and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall render the head of the Department or any person referred to in clause (b), liable to any punishment if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence punishable under the Act has been committed by a department of Government or any authority referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (1) and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of; or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any officer, other than the head of the department, or in the case of an authority, any person other than the persons referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (1), such officer or persons shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

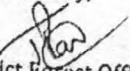
¹ The State Govt. EFS&T Department vide G.O.Rt. No.6, dt. 06.07.2007 has expressed serious concern over violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 and Orders issued from the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the subject from time to time and issued detailed and precise procedure to be followed by all Government Departments / Agencies for taking on forestry work in the forest area. The G.O. has been communicated to all the heads of the departments and District Collectors with a request to issue strict instructions to all the heads of the departments and field level officers to follow the procedure scrupulously for obtaining necessary clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, National Board for Wild Life under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; and also requested not to take up any developmental activities in Forest land without prior approval of competent authority under Section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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Further, it is informed that, the Government of Telangana has accorded In Principle (Stage-I) approval subject to compliance of certain conditions vide reference cited. You are also directed to ensure that no work is carried out in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, (Wherever applicable) without final approval from the competent authority and fulfilling all conditions and after final (Stage - II) approval, the work can be commenced in the forest area.

Hence, the User Agency is requested to furnish your explanation for carrying out the above work without taking prior permission from the Government of Telangana under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 (wherever applicable) within (15) days of the receipt of this letter, failing which a report will be submitted to the State Government for taking necessary action in the matter. A copy of the show cause notice should be acknowledged on the duplicate copy enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad for favour of kind information

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadrak Circle, Warangal for favour of kind information.

Copy to the Forest Range Officers, Guduru, Kothaguda and Gangaram. It is not known whether you have issued any notices to the User Agency and any action taken against concerned staff. He is requested to furnish the compliance report to the undersigned within (3) days without fail.



District Forest Officer,
Mahabubabad.



**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From:

Sri. D.Bheema., IFS.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhadradri Circle, Warangal.

To:

The Prl.Chrif Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State,
H Y D E R A B A D

Rc.No.1871/2022/DM, Dated:14.06.2023

Sir,

Sub TS - Forest Conservation Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of **1.7844 Ha** of
:- Forest land in WLM Gudur Division of Mahabubabad District for Laying of Optical
Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber
Project in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited - PCA Scheme
and NPV amount as per Revised NPV Rates - Report submitted - Regarding.

FCQ

Ref: -

1. PCCF, TS, Hyd Rc.No. PCCF-FC3/FC15/882022, Dated: 30.10.2022.
2. GoTs, EFS&T (For-I) Dept., Lr.No. 4483/For.I(1)/2022, Dated: 07.09.2022.
3. Gol, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No. FC/08/IRO-HYD/FC Rule(2022)/742,
Dated: 07.10.2022.
4. PCCF, TS., Hyd Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section
(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.30.10.2022
5. PCCF, TS., Hyd Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/88/2022 FCA Section
(6696/2021/FCA-3), Dt.16.12.2022
6. DFO, Mahabubabad Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, Dt.14.02.2023
7. CCF, Bhadradri Rc.No.1871/2022/DM, Dt.24.02.2023
8. DFO, Mahabubabad Rc.No.975/2021-22/TO, Dt.23.05.2023

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Adverting to the references 5th cited above, it is submitted that, the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad vide reference 8th cited above has submitted the PCA (Penal Compensatory Afforestation) Scheme for which the violation has occurred in this project and the estimated Scheme cost is Rs.93.94483 Lakhs including NPV amount as per revised NPV rates and requested to forward the Scheme proposals to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad for approval.

Therefore, based on the report of the District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad, the PCA (Penal Compensatory Afforestation) Scheme for Rs.93.94483 Lakhs including NPV amount as per revised NPV rates are submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad for favour of kind perusal and necessary approval.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Daravath Bheema
Date: 14-06-2023 13:46:04
Reason: Approved

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhadradri Circle, Warangal.

Copy submitted to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) for favour of kind
information and necessary action.

Copy to District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad District for information.

//t.c.b.o.//

Superintendent 14/6/2023