## F.No. WL-6/52/2023 WL

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division)

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> > Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

To,

## The Special Chief Secretary,

Forest Department, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.

Sir,

**Sub:** Proposal for use of 2.337 Ha of forest land tiger corridor connecting kawal Tiger Reserves (1.857 ha for road and 0.480 ha for two bridges along the road) for construction of Road from Bejjur to Somini of Bejjur Mandal of Komarambheem Asifabad District, Telangana in favour of Panchayat Raj Engineer, KB Asifabad under PMGSY. FP/TG/ROAD/44233/2020.

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The above proposal was discussed in the 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

2. After discussion, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- I. The User Agency as a part of the wild animal passage plan shall construct 8 animal passages, each of length of 30 m along the stretch of the road passing through the forest for which up gradation has been proposed and since the landscape has presence of tigers, minimum height of the animal underpasses should be 5 m as per WII Guidelines at the locations indicated in the Animal Passage Plan prepared by the Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer concerned following the specifications issued by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- II. The underpasses shall have bell-mouth opening with splayed wing walls at both ends with grasses, herbs and shrubs to facilitate movement of wild animals.
- III. The User Agency shall install speed control devices with proper caution sign boards at animal crossing points identified by the FDO.

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- IV. The works shall be carried out only between 8.00 AM to 4.00 PM without disturbing /damaging flora, fauna of the area.
- V. No labour camp shall be set up during the execution of work.
- VI. Care shall be taken to ensure no incidents of fire occur in the forest area. No explosives to be used.
- VII. All the debris at the site of construction of under passes shall be removed after construction.
- VIII. There shall be no violation of Forest Act, Forest Conservation Act or Wildlife (Protection) Act, during the execution of work.
- IX. Construction materials (including top soil) should be procured from outside the tiger corridor area. The debris should be appropriately dumped outside the tiger corridor by User Agency taking due care of air/dust pollution.
- X. The animal passages shall be concrete (RCC) structures so as to enhance their longevity and minimize disturbances caused during annual repair / maintenance of otherwise bitumen structures. The bottom of structures shall, as far as possible, have similar substrates to that which would occur naturally in the absence of the structure. The approach to an animal crossing is a crucial factor in determining its use. Appropriate use of vegetation (trees, shrubs and grasses) can play a significant role in enhancing the naturalness of an engineered structure.
- XI. The User Agency shall ensure that the animal passages are not inundated with water during rains. Regular removal of debris and silts at the passage structures shall be done by the User Agency.
- XII. The remaining portion of the road shall be provided with speed breakers/rumble strips at every interval of 400-500 meters. Sign posts warning about movements of wild animals shall also be placed by the User Agency at regular intervals along the widened road. These shall be placed where wildlife crossings are maximum and shall be determined in consultation with forest department.
- XIII. The following mitigation plan as recommended by CCF/CF, Adilabad is approved for Rs.50.40 lakhs.

## (Rs.in lakhs)

S1. No	Name of the item	Unit Cost	Qty.	Amt.
1	Animal trackers (5 No. for 3 years $@9.000$ per month per person)	0.09	5 No.	16.20
2	Erection of check gates to control wildlife entering to road.	0.12	5 No	0.60
3.	Management of Grasslands by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years)		10 ha	4.00

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	expenditure	As per actual	LS	1.60	
11	Administrative cost & unforeseen	A	1.0		
10	Mitigation Human animal conflict issues	LS	LS	2.00	
9	Procurement of fire-fighting equipment	LS	LS	2.00	
8	Conducting awareness programmes	0.25	6 No	1.50	
/	Installation of large hoardings	1.00	2 No	2.00	
6	Procurement of equipment like GPS, binoculars etc., to monitor wildlife	LS	LS	1.00	
5	Procurement of camera traps to monitor wildlife	0.25	30	7.50	
4	Construction of solar pump with PT.	6.00	2 No	12.00	

XIV. The mitigation amount of Rs.50.40 lakh shall be deposited in the BIOSOT account of Chief Wildlife Warden in Union Bank, Secretariat Branch, Hyderabad bearing A/C No.110310100030284, IFSC Code UBIN0811033.

- XV. Any other condition specified by the circle head/DFO/FDO shall be complied with.
- XVI. CWLW, Telangana should have appropriate monitoring mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid in this report during various phases of project implementation.
- XVII. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

3. The minutes of the meeting have been posted online in the "PARIVESH" portal of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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