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05/05/25GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc. No.WL1/WL07/57/2023-WLS
(7404(C)/2020/WL1),
Date: 24/04/2025

Office of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

Telangana

AranyaBhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad

*Sri Elusing Meru, I.F.S.,**Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (P&V)**& Chief Wildlife Warden*

Sub TGFD – Wildlife – Diversion of “7.451 Ha. (7.391 ha. for road and 0.06 ha. for culverts) of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve with Indravati Tiger Reserve and Tadoba-Andhrari Tiger Reserve for improvement of existing road and widening from Etiguda to Agerguda (Karjally to Motlaguda via Gundepally) in Bejjur RF of Kagaznagar Division of KB Asifabad District in favour of District Panchayat Raj Engineer, KB Asifabad District under PMGSY - **ID No.WL/TG/ROAD/46837/2020 – Approved in 82nd SC-NBWL meeting - Minutes of meeting – Communicated – Request to issue demand notice - Regarding.**

Ref: Minutes of the of 82nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild life held on 12.3.2025 received through MoEF&CC, GOI F.No.WL-6/10/2025-WL, dt. 15.4.2025.

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Vide reference cited, (copy enclosed) the MoEF&CC, GoI has communicated the minutes of the 82nd meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 12.03.2025.

The NBWL has approved the proposal for diversion of 7.451 Ha. (7.391 ha. for road and 0.06 ha. for culverts) of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve with Indravati Tiger Reserve and Tadoba-Andhrari Tiger Reserve for improvement of existing road and widening from Etiguda to Agerguda (Karjally to Motlaguda via Gundepally) in Bejjur RF of Kagaznagar Division of KB Asifabad District in favour of District Panchayat Raj Engineer, KB Asifabad District under PMGSY - with the following conditions:

1. As per the specifications, a minimum of two passage ways per Km length of the infrastructure with a minimum of 30.00 m width and 3.00m height shall be incorporated in animal passage plan.

2. The User Agency as a part of the wild animal passage plan shall construct under passes 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.
3. The underpasses shall have bell- mouth opening with splayed wing walls at both ends with grasses, herbs and shrubs to attract movement of wild animals.
4. The User Agency shall install speed control devices with proper sign boards at animal crossing points identified by the FDO.
5. The following mitigation plan as recommended by CCF, Adilabad is approved for Rs.89.00 lakhs

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No	Name of the item	Unit Cost	Qty.	Amt.
1	Animal trackers (5 No. for 3 years @ 9,000 per month per person) Engaging animal trackers (5No. for 6 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	5No	0.60
3	Integrated camping site-creation of water sources by constructing major percolation tank (cost Rs.5.00 lakh) along with drilling and installation of two Solar Powered Bore wells (costRs.3.50lakh each) to fill the pumps along with a watch tower cum camping site.	20.00 each	2No	40.00
4	Management of Grasslands by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years)	0.40	10 ha	4.00
5	Procurement of camera traps	0.25 each	8	2.00
6	Development of approach path each to the integrated Camping facility.	LS	LS	1.00
7	Procurement of equipment like GPS, binoculars etc., to monitor wildlife	LS	LS	2.00
8	Installation of large hoardings	0.25	2No	2.00
9	Conducting awareness programmes	0.25	2No	0.50
10	Providing solar fence to the farmers for controlling crop Damage by wildlife	LS	LS	1.50
	Procurement of fire-fighting equipment	LS	LS	1.50
11	Engaging fire watchers (5 No. for 3 years @9,000 month per person for five months in an year)	0.09	5No	16.20
12	Administrative cost & unforeseen expenditure	Asper actual	LS	1.50
Total				89.00

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6. The underpasses 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.
7. Divisions between the underpasses shall be of pillar (isolated pier) type, instead of wall-type. This would significantly improve the acceptability of passage structure by wild animals.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that the animal passages are not inundated with water during rains. Regular removal of debris and silts at the existing and proposed passage structures shall be done by the User Agency.
9. Additional features on crossing structures such as walkways or planks/ledges/shelves (50 cm wide) to be installed by User Agency on the interior walls of underpasses/ crossing and/or drainage structures (Minor Bridges, Box culverts and Slab culverts) to encourage mammals to use culverts built on natural drainage sites. These structures help animals use the structures in seasons when the culverts may be inundated with water. Ledges/shelves along the inner walls of all crossing and drainage structures are to be constructed for use by small mammals. These structures shall extend up to the exit of the structures and brought to ground level.
10. The BT portion of the road shall be provided with speed breakers / rumble strips at every interval of 400-500 meters so as to maintain a vehicular speed of 30km/hour within the corridor. Speed breakers and rumble strips shall be appropriately marked to make them visible to the drivers (both during day and night) so as to avoid vehicular accidents. Sign posts warning about movements of wild animals shall also be placed by User Agency at regular intervals along the upgraded road. These shall be placed where wildlife crossings are maximum and shall be determined in consultation with Forest Department.
11. The User Agency shall fund establishment of two check gates (CCTV enabled and with 24X7 manpower) at strategic locations (determined by forest department) on both ends of the road.
12. Disturbance during construction in the wildlife sensitive areas is to be kept minimum by the following mechanisms:
 - Use of pre-fabricated materials for construction
 - Use of water from sources other than the river
 - Prohibition on procurement of construction materials from forest
 - Disposal of construction-related debris away from the wildlife sensitive sites

- Prohibition on night camping of construction personnel inside forest
- Keeping construction period restricted during day time.

13. Telangana Forest Department shall impose night closure (9 PM to 5 AM) of traffic on this road except for bonafide users. No commercial and heavy vehicles to be allowed on this road at night.
14. The CWLW, Telangana shall have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid in this report during various phases of project implementation.
15. 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.

In this regard, the District Forest Officer, KB Asifabad is requested to issue demand notice to the User Agency to comply with all the conditions imposed and also deposit the funds **for an amount of Rs.89.00 Lakhs towards implementation of the WL Management Plan into the Telangana CAMPA account (Adhoc CAMPA)** being maintained in the Union Bank of India, New Delhi through online PARIVESH Portal in line with the existing procedure followed in respect of diversion of forest land. Further, it is requested to furnish Geo-locations of the works approved in the Wildlife Management Plan by the NBWL.

A compliance report shall be submitted immediately.

Encl.: As above.

Elusing Meru

Signed by Elusing Meru

Date: 24-04-2025 17:56:59

Reason: Approved

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (P&V)
& Chief Wildlife Warden

To

~~The~~ District Forest Officer, KB Asifabad.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, FDPT, Kawal Tiger Reserve, Mancherial for information and necessary action.

Copy to the District Panchayat Raj Engineer, PIU, KB Asifabad

Copy to Engineer in Chief, Panchayath Raj Dept. Errum Manzil, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO(CAMPA) & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF(HoFF), TG, Hyderabad. for information.

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for  26/4/2025
Administrative Officer

