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To,

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

Subject:

Diversion of 14.1439 ha (11.434 ha in Mancherial division and 2.7099 ha in Chennur Division) of forest land for widening and Strengthening of NH-63 to Two Lane with paved shoulder from Mancherial to Chennur Section in the State of Telangana in Mancherial Forest Division in favour of CE, MoRTH, GoI, Hyderabad-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and it is requested to subject following additional information / clarification / updating etc;

- a. As reported by the State Government, the proposed road passes through the existing RoW in Kundaram RF &Kundaram Ext RF having width of 3.5m, hence, evidences on the same i.e. Notification etc. needs to be provided.
- b. Also the FDO claims that proposed road is 20m width, passes through 10 mtrs either side from centre of existing track which was laid before 1980. But as per the kml file the proposed road is deviating from the existing road in several points such as negotiating curve points etc., in such case, the existing RoW not being utilized for laying road need to be restored, hence the actual requirement width may be different at various locations which needs to be reverified.
- c. As per Part II of Form A in Sl. No.8, the DFO Chennur reported as "Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion: Spotted deer, Jackal, sloth bear, Python, tiger", whereas in the same para in the row details of "Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area: is written as No". Hence same needs to be updated;
- d. Mancherial division is adjacent to Chennur Division in the same district of Mancherial, reports in the Form A of Part II implies that no wildlife species is found in the RF of proposed area of Diversion. Whereas CF in his recommendation suggested construction of 5 numbers of underpasses due to the fragmentation of habitat. The above contradiction need to be corrected and wildlife species especially tiger is having habitat in that locality then

appropriate wildlife mitigation plan with the consent of Chief Wildlife Warden of the State has to be furnished.

- e. Based on the kml file it is seen that streams meandering in that RF and slopey hillocks are found, in that case appropriate SMC measures needed if any, may be verified and reported.
- f. The need and necessity for having a 20 m wide road in an area dotted with Wildlife needs to be substantiated by the UA along with the remarks of State Forest Department. The norms of standard road width as per the project has been rejected by REC on many such cases, hence possibility of reduction of width of road in forest area may be explored and reported.

It is requested to submit the above information before next REC meeting so as to enable this office to consider the subject proposal by the Regional Empowered Committee.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

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