GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

**FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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| Ref.No.45537/2011/FCA2  Dated: 06.02.2018. | Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  (Head of Forest Force), |
|  | Telangana, “Aranya Bhavan, |
|  | Saifabad, Hyderabad – 500 004. |

**Sri P.K.Jha, IFS**

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &

Head of Forest Force

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| **Sub:-** | TSFD – F(C)Act, 1980 –diversion of 0.96 Ha (revised) of Forest Land in Nagaram Reserved Forest of Hyderabad Division for Strengthening & widening of Radial Road No 16 from Tarnaka Cross Roads to Cheriyal X Road in favour of MD, HGCL, Hyd – **Stage-I approval accorded** – **Working Permission – Issued** – Regarding. |
| **Ref:-** | 1. MoEF&CC, GoI, Regional Office, Chennai Lr.No.4-TSB023/2016-CHN/0140, dt.24.01.2017. 2. Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA DO Lr.No.572/ CGM(T)/HGCL/EE/RRD/RR-22/2016, dt.27.01.2018. |

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In the reference 1st cited, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, Chennai has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 0.96 Ha (revised) of Forest Land in Nagaram Reserved Forest of Hyderabad Division for Strengthening & widening of Radial Road No 16 from Tarnaka Cross Roads to Cheriyal X Road in favour of MD, HGCL, Hyd, with certain conditions stipulated therein.

As the case is such, the Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA in the reference 2nd cited has informed that they have handed over & mutated the non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation in favour of Forest Department / furnished mutation certificate / Handing & taking over certificate of non-forest land for CA by the Forest Department and also confirmed that the amount towards compensatory levies such as NPV / CA etc., as demanded by the concerned District Forest Officer has been deposited into the Ad-hoc CAMPA account and requested to **accord working permission, as per the guidelines issued under MoEF&CC**.

In this regard, it is informed that MoEF&CC, GoI New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-306/2014-FC (pt), dated 28.08.2015 has issued guidelines about the procedure for grant of permission for felling of trees standing on forest land to be diverted for execution of linear projects. The said guideline has been issued to facilitate speedy execution of projects involving linear diversion of forest land such as laying of new roads, widening of existing highways, transmission lines, water supply lines, optic fiber cabling, railway lines etc., in which the in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is accorded.

Subsequently, the State Government vide Memo No.3983/For.I(1)/2016-2 dated 15.10.2016 has authorized the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) to issue working permission to the User Agency for tree cutting and commencement of work of linear projects, **for a period of one year**, subject to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and their compliance, in accordance with the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Government of India in F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dt.28.08.2015.

In this regard, it is informed the non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation has been mutated and transferred in favour of Forest Department and the following compensatory levies have also been deposited by UA, which are detailed below:

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| Condition No of Stage-I approval. | Component | Assessment accepted by this office | Remarks |
| 2 | Construction of boundary pillars | 2,80,000/- | Deposited with the DFO, Medchal by UA. |
| 3 | Cost towards planting and maintenance of 10 times the trees to be felled in the proposed forest land in degraded forest land. | 42,53,900/- | Deposited into Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-Payment mode. |
| 6 | NPV @ Rs. 6.26 Lakhs | 6,00,960/- |
| 12 | For translocation of 43 trees @ Rs.0.20 Lakhs per each tree. | 8,60,000/- | Deposited with the DFO, Medchal by UA. |

The request of the Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA is examined in exercise with the powers delegated to the undersigned & with reference to the guidelines issued by GoI, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi in F.No.11-306/2014-FC (pt), dated 28.08.2015 (issued in supersession of guidelines dated.07.05.2015), and working permission is hereby accorded in favour of the Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA, for tree cutting and commencement of work in the forest land proposed to be diverted from the date of entering into agreement with the District Forest Officer, Medchal for a period of one year, **subject to the following conditions:**

1. The Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA **i.e.,** **User Agency** shall report to the District Forest Officer, Medchal and obtain further permission from him before starting the work and works should be carried out under the supervision of the District Forest Officer, Medchal.
2. The User Agency shall publish the working permission now granted in verbatim language along with the conditions and safe–guards imposed by the Central Government in Stage–I approval in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language, so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non–forest purposes. (C.No.vii of F.No.11-306/2014–FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
3. The Authorized Signatory of User Agency shall enter into an agreement with the concerned District Forest Officer, Medchal agreeing to perform all conditions as stipulated in Stage-I approval orders and also MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi guidelines issued in F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dt.28.08.2015 & obtain further permission from the District Forest Officer, Medchal for commencement of the works.
4. The copies of the Forest Clearance should also be submitted to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies by the Second Party in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same in 30 days. (C.No. vii of F.No. 11-306/2014 – FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
5. The Forest Department shall dispose all the appeals filed against the order of Deemed Permission issued by the PCCF(HoFF). (C.No.v & vi of F.No.11-306/2014 – FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
6. The User Agency shall agree, bind and undertake to comply any other conditions that may be imposed from time to time by the MoEF & CC, GoI/State Government and PCCF in the interest of conservation, protection & development of forests.
7. The working permission issued is valid **upto a period of one year** from the date of issue of further permission by the District Forest Officer, Medchal. If the User Agency fails to comply with the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval within stipulated time, for further extension they should approach MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi.

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1. The User Agency shall agree, bind and declare that the forest department shall fell all standing trees, if any, in the forest area being diverted for the project by the forest department itself and the user agency shall undertake not to touch or fell such trees in any manner.
2. The works should be carried out without any scope for violations under various rules and guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and other relevant guidelines and Rules in force.
3. Any other conditions imposed by the concerned District Forest Officer & Conservator of Forests during execution of work in the interest of protection of Forests shall be carried out at the project cost.

The District Forest Officer, Medchal is requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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|  | **Sd/- P.K.Jha,**  Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force |

To

The District Forest Officer, Medchal.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.

Copy to the District Collector, Medchal for information.

Copy submitted to the Metropolitan Commissioner, Hyderabad Growth Corridor Ltd., HUDA Complex, Tarnaka, Hyderabad -500 007for favour of information.

Copy submitted to Prl. Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad for favour of information.

Copy submitted to Prl. Secretary to Government, R&B Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad for favour of information.

Copy to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), 1st and 2nd Floor, HEPC Building, No.34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034 for information.

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Superintendent