GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

Ref.No.6048/2019/FCA-3 Dated:17-11-2021 O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Telangana, "Aranya Bhavan",
Saifabad, Rangareddy – 500 004.

Smt. R.Sobha, I.F.S.,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)
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Sub:- TSFD - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposal for "Re-diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.5769 ha in various RFs of Amangal and Shamshabad forest divisions** under Rangareddy District - for laying of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) Pipeline along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) for Hassan Cherlapali LPG Pipeline Project (HCPL) - in favour of M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited" - In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded - Working Permission Accorded - Regarding.

- Ref:- 1. General Manager, Pipeline Projects, Hasan Cherlapalli LPG Pipeline, HCPL, Rangareddy, Lr.No.HPCL/FCA/HCPL/TS/2020/001 dt.17.02.2020.
 - 2. PCCF's Ref.No.6048/2019/FCA-1 dated 22.02.2020.
 - 3. APCCF/CF, Rangareddy, Rc.No.177/2020-M2, Dt.07.07.2021.
 - 4. PCCF's Ref.No.6048/2019/FCA-3, Dt.07.08.2021.
 - 5. GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB217/2021-HYD/70, Dt.17.09.2021.
 - 6. PCCF's Ref.No.6048/2019/FCA-3, Dt.23.09.2021.
 - 7. General Manager, Pipeline Projects, Hasan Cherlapalli LPG Pipeline, HCPL, Rangareddy, Lr.No.HPCL/HCPL/PCCF/002, Dt.27.10.2021.
 - 8. APCCF/CF, Rangareddy, Rc.No.177/2020-M2(i), Dt.08.11.2021.
 - 9. APCCF/CF, Rangareddy, Rc.No.177/2020-M2(ii), Dt.08.11.2021.

The Government of India vide reference 5th cited has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval proposed for "re-diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.5769 ha** in various RFs of Amangal and Shamshabad forest divisions under Rangareddy District - for laying of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) Pipeline along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) for Hassan Cherlapali LPG Pipeline Project (HCPL) - in favour of M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited." The above orders have been communicated vide reference 6th cited to all the concerned officers with the instructions to submit condition-wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein.

Vide reference 8th and 9th cited, the APCCF/Conservator of Forests, Rangareddy Circle has obtained condition-wise compliance report from the User Agency, the Forest Divisional Officers, Amangal and Shamshabad divisions and the District Forest Officer, Rangareddy District submitted together with its enclosures. The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.1,91,250/- through NEFT vide UTR No.025226209441 on Dt.13.10.2021 into the CA-PD Account of the Forest Divisional Officer, Amangal bearing A/c.No:145311100001547 in Union Bank of India, Amangal Branch and Rs.1,58,750/- through NEFT vide UTR No.025226073751 on Dt.13.10.2021 into the CA-PD Account of the Forest Divisional Officer, Shamshabad A/c.No:370602010101352 in Union Bank of India, Saifabad Branch as per the condition (condition No.ii) towards cost of construction of boundary pillars imposed in Stage-I approval and the same has been confirmed by the field officers. The User Agency has also deposited an amount of Rs.3,94,380/- towards Net Present Value payment vide UTR.No.ICICIR42021101300540648, (NPV) through **RTGS** dt.13.10.2021 into Telaganga State CAMPA A/c.No.1557019943424978 in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 as per the condition (condition No.iv) and the same has been confirmed online in the ministry's

portal. Further, the User Agency vide reference 7th cited *has requested to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) for commencement of works as all the compensatory levies has been paid and the compliance on Stage-I has been submitted.* In brief, the details of the amount deposited are as follows:

C. No.	Component	Amount deposited (Rs.)	Remarks
ii	Construction of Boundary Pillars	Rs.1,91,250/-	Deposited in to the CA-PD account bearing A/c.No:145311100001547 in Union Bank of India, Amangal Branch of the Forest Divisional Officer, Amangal divison.
		Rs.1,58,750/-	Deposited in to the CA-PD account bearing A/c.No: 370602010101352 in Union Bank of India, Saifabad Branch of the Forest Divisional Officer, Shamshabad divison.
iii (A)	NPV	Rs.3,94,380/-	Deposited into the Adhoc CAMPA account of Telangana bearing A/c.No.1557019943424978 of Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex, N Lodhi Branch, New Delhi by generating the challan in to the Ministry's portal.

With regard to working permission, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi vide <u>Lr.No.11-306/2014-FC (pt)</u>, <u>Dt.28.08.2015</u> 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.

Purther, it is informed that the Hand book issued by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi on 28.03.2019 on F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications, in which the GoI in para 11.2 has issued guidelines about the procedure for grant of permission for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. 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. Such orders shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), wildlife conservation plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all such other compensatory levies, specified in the Stage I (in-principle) approval from the UA, and where ever applicable, transfer and mutation of non-forest/ revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department.

Further, the State Government of Telangana 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 GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi in F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dt.28.08.2015.**

In view of the above, the request of User Agency (M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited) has been examined in exercise of the powers delegated to the undersigned in *Govt. Memo No.3983/For.I(1)/2016-2, Dated.15.10.2016* and with reference to the guidelines in the Hand book issued by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi on 28.03.2019 on F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications in F.No. 5-2/2017-FC, as per the para 11.2 guidelines (issued in supersession of guidelines& clarifications issued till that time), "working permission is hereby accorded in favour of in favour of M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited for commencement of works in the forest land proposed to be diverted from the date of entering into agreement with the Forest Divisional Officers, Amangal and Shamshabad for a period of one year," subject to the following conditions:

- 1. M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited i.e., **User Agency** shall report to the **Forest Divisional Officers**, **Amangal and Shamshabad** having jurisdiction over proposed forest area; and obtain further permission from him before starting the work. The works should be carried out under the supervision of the concerned Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer.
- 2. The Authorized Signatory of User Agency shall enter into an agreement with the, Forest Divisional Officers, Amangal and Shamshabad/District Forest Officer, Rangareddy/the APCCF/Conservator of Forests, Rangareddy 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* and obtain further permission for commencement of the works.
- 3. 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).
- 4. The copies of the Forest Clearance and the working permission 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 to any other conditions that may be imposed from time to time by the MoEF & CC, GoI/State Government and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) in the interest of Conservation, Protection & Development of forests, in addition to conditions imposed in Stage I (in-principle) approval.
- 7. The cable line shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.
- 8. No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency. No damage shall be caused to forest/wild life and to the environment. All the trees shall be translocated by User Agency at their cost under supervision of Forest Department as per C.No.iii of Stage-I (in-principle) approval and as agreed by User Agency.

- 9. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of the trench dug at a time does not exceed 500m. The trench should be filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500m. The User Agency shall make good any loss to forest/environment.
- 10. Any other conditions imposed by the concerned Conservator of Forests, District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer during execution of work in the interest of protection of Forests shall be carried out at the project cost.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The working permission issued is valid **upto a period of one year** from the date of entering into an agreement with the Forest Divisional Officers, Amangal and Shamshabad. In case, if the User Agency fails to complete the work within the stipulated time, for further extension of working permission, they have to approach the undersigned.

The Forest Divisional Officers, Amangal and Shamshabad divisions are requested to enter into agreement with User Agency for working permission and are permitted to take up Construction of boundary pillars from the amount deposited in the CA-PD account of DFO/FDO soon after entering into agreement for working permission. The works shall be included in APO **2021-22** for CA-PD account and should be reported in MPR of CA-PD account.

Sd/-R.Sobha,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

To

The Forest Divisional Officers, Amangal and Shamshabad divisions.

- The General Manager, Pipeline Projects, Hasan Cherlapalli LPG Pipeline Project (HPCL), Module No.202, IInd Floor, NSIC-EMDBP Building, Kamalanagar, Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar, ECIL (P.O), Hyderabad-500062.
- Copy to the APCCF/Conservator of Forests, Rangareddy and the District Forest Officer, Rangareddy district for information.
- Copy to M/s.Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (A Government of India Enterprise), 17, Jamshedji Tata Road, Mumbai-400 020 for information.
- Copy to the Special Chief Secretary to Government, Forest Department, Telangana, Rangareddy for information.

Copy to the District Collector, Rangareddy District for information.

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