

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Rc.No. 5477/2018/FCA-4,
Dated: 15-01-2021.

Office of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force), Telangana,
"Aranya Bhavan", Saifabad, Hyderabad.

Smt. R.Sobha, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force (FAC)

Sub: **TSFD-F(C)Act, 1980-** Diversion of 24.7539 Ha against 189.6808 ha proposed in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tacks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancheri districts in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad- **Stage-I approval accorded - Issue of Working Permission - Reg.**

Ref:

1. CF, Adilabad Rc.No. 2849/2018-M6, Dt.19.01.2019.
2. CF & FDPT, Kawal TR Rc.No. 3556/2018/D2, Dt.05.02.2019.
3. PCCF's Rc.No. 5477/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dt.12.02.2019.
4. Govt Letter Ir.No.595/For.I(1)/2019, Dt.16.02.2019.
5. GoI, MoEF& CC, RO(SEZ), Chennai F.No.4-TSA150/2019-CHN/0536, Dt.28.03.2019.
6. PCCF's Rc.No. 5477/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dt.09.04.2019.
7. Dy.CE (Con-II), SC Railway, Kazipet Lr.No. W.Con.182/C/198/KZJ-BPQ/Land, Dt.15.05.2019.
8. DFO, Mancheri Rc.No. 1700/2018/D3, Dt.30.05.2019 copy marked to Nodal Officer (FCA).
9. DFO, Komarambheem Asifabad Rc.No.5477/2018/S4, Dt.29.05.2019.
10. PCCF's Rc.No. 5477/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dt.31.05.2019.
11. GoI, MoEF& CC, RO(SEZ), Chennai F.No.4-TSA150/2019-CHN/0910, Dt.04.06.2019.
12. GoI, MoEF& CC, RO(SEZ), Chennai Minutes of meeting Dt.10.06.2019.
13. Dy.CE (Con-II), SC Railway, Kazipet Lr.No. W.Con.182/C/198/KZJ-BPQ/Land, Dt.13.06.2019.
14. PCCF's Rc.No. 5477/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dt.14.06.2019 and 15.06.2019
15. GoI, MoEF& CC, RO (SEZ), Chennai F.No. 4-TSA150/2019-CHN/0988 Dt.19.06.2019.
16. PCCF Rc.No. 5477/2018/FCA-1/PS Dt.25.06.2019.
17. Dy.CE (Con-II), SC Railway, Kazipet Lr.No.W.Con.182/C/198/KZJ-BPQ/Land, Dt.14.09.2020.
18. CF, Adilabad Circle Rc.No.2849/2018-M6, Dt:01-10-2020.
19. PCCF Rc.No. 5477/2018/FCA-4 Dt.23.11.2020.
20. CF, Adilabad Circle Rc.No.2849/2018-M6, Dt:21-12-2020.
21. PCCF (HoFF) & CWLW Rc.No.15033/2018-WL1 Dt. 05.01.2021.

Vide ref 15th cited, the GOI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, (South Eastern Zone), Chennai has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 24.7539 Ha against 189.6808 ha proposed in Asifabad, Bellampally and Kagaznagar divisions for laying of new third BG railway line along the existing tacks within the railway boundary between Makhudi and Rechni road railway stations in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad subject to certain conditions stipulated therein and requested to furnish the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein; which has been communicated to concerned for compliance in ref 16th cited.

Further, vide ref 21st cited, the PCCF (HoFF) & CWLW has informed that the Conservator of Forests, Adilabad has reported that the User Agency has agreed to comply with all the conditions and submitted the undertakings for three conditions mentioned in the NBWL meeting.

Further, informed that Conservator of Forests, Adilabad has reported that the User Agency has given an undertaking to construct two major bridges and 44 minor bridges across the proposed new third BG line at their cost in consultation with forest department. It is also informed by the UA that they have agreed to provide splayed funnel shaped wing walls with vegetation at both the ends of animal passage. The specifications of the bridges proposed to be constructed by the UA are not meeting the specifications prescribed by

NTCA, WII with respect to the length and width of the passage way, which states that the minimum length should be 30 mts and minimum height should be 4.5 mts from the ground. The NTCA also prescribed a minimum of 15-20% of the railway line should be covered by the wildlife passage ways at each corridor.

Vide ref 21st cited, the PCCF (HoFF) & CWLW has addressed the letter **to the** Member secretary , NBWL and informed that there are already two BG railway lines existing and the proposed line is the third BG line being laid to meet the requirement of increased railway traffic on this important route connecting southern Indian states to New Delhi. Since, the new line will be running parallel to the existing two line it would not be possible to change the alignment or the under passes below the existing lines and on request of UA on modifications of the condition in the minutes of meeting by incorporating the passage plan submitted by UA and recommended by CF, Adilabad. **The required undertakings has been submitted by the UA to comply all the conditions mentioned in NBWL and NTCA.**

Further, vide ref 17th cited, the Deputy Chief Engineer, (Con-II), SC Railway, Kazipet has requested this office for according a working permission for the said proposal for completing the works as all the conditions are complied with the undertakings and the paper notification has been published in Telugu and English papers and has informed that an amount of Rs. 6,80,98,742/- has been paid towards compensatory levies such as Compensatory Afforestation, NPV, Soil conservation measures as demanded by the FDO's Bellampally ,Kagaznagar and Asifabad into the Adhoc CAMPA account through e-payment mode and also deposited an amount of Rs.24,47,000/- for Kagaznagar portion, Rs.4,27,800/- for Asifabad portion, and Rs.2,90,700/- for Bellampally portion towards construction of boundary pillars, extraction of tree growth, etc. into the PD account of FDO's, Bellampally , Kagaznagar and Asifabad.

The UA has reported that an amount of Rs.52,00,000/- has been deposited into the Biosat account, maintained at Andhra Bank bearing A/c.No.110310100030284, IFSC Code: ANDB0001103 towards Wildlife Mitigative measures and the same was confirmed by the APCCF(Prod) I/c WL.

Accordingly, vide reference 20th cited, the Conservator of Forests, Adilabad has submitted the condition-wise compliance report received from District Forest Officer , Komarambheem Asifabad and Forest Divisional Officer, Bellampally in (4) sets, for according necessary approval U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 duly confirming the payments deposited in the PD accounts of FDO.

In this regard, it is informed that Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India in Handbook of F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications in F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019 and F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.), Dt.28.08.2015 and amendments issued therein has conveyed 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 states that they have 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, optical 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.

The State Government vide Memo No.3983/For.I(1)/2016-2,Dt.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, which is 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 that the following compensatory levies (amount in Rs.Lakhs) have been deposited by UA, which are detailed below:

C. No	Component	Asifabad Division	Kagaznagar Division	Bellampally Division	Remarks
3.	Compensatory Afforestation	2,40,65,400	2,26,37,400	0	Deposited in Adhoc CAMPA account of Telangana against the project through e-payment mode by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. Same is confirmed as paid in the ministry's portal.
5.	Net Present Value	15,39,710	1,33,11,389	6,44,843	
26.	Soil Conservation measures	59,00,000	0	0	
	Total	3,15,05,110	3,59,48,789	6,44,843	
2.	Construction of Boundary Pillars	1,45,800	21,15,000	83,300	Deposited into PD account of FDO's Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad. Same has been confirmed vide ref 20 th cited.
7.	Extraction of Tree Growth	2,79,000	3,22,000	2,07,400	
-	Demarcation charges	3000	10000		
	Total	4,27,800	24,47,000	2,90,700	
18.	Wildlife Mitigation Measures	0	52,00,000	0	Deposited into Biosat account, maintained at Andhra Bank bearing A/c.No.110310100030 284, IFSC Code: ANDB0001103. Confirmed vide ref 21 st cited.

The request of the Deputy Chief Engineer, (Con-II), SC Railway, Kazipet is examined in exercise with the powers delegated to the undersigned & with reference to Handbook of F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications in F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019 and F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.), Dt.28.08.2015 and amendments issued therein issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India, working permission is hereby accorded in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer, (Con-II), SC Railway, Kazipet for commencement of work in the forest land proposed to be diverted from the date of entering into agreement with the Forest Divisional Officer's, FDO's Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad for a period of one year, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Deputy Chief Engineer, (Con-II), SC Railway, Kazipet (User Agency) shall report to the Forest Divisional Officers, Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad and obtain further permission from them before starting the work and works should be carried out under the supervision of the Forest Divisional Officers, Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad.
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 in Telugu news paper and the other in English language in English news paper, 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 Forest Divisional Officers, Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad / District Forest Officers, Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial / Conservator of Forests, Adilabad and Conservator of Forests & Field Director Project Tiger, Kawal TR, Nirmal agreeing to perform all conditions as -stipulated in Stage-I approval orders and as per the para 11.2 of guidelines of 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, & obtain further permission from the concerned Forest Divisional Officers 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 User Agency 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 (HoFF) 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 permission by the concerned Forest Divisional Officers. If the User Agency fails to comply with the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval within stipulated time and obtain final Stage-II clearance, for further extension of working permission they should approach MoEF & CC, GoI.
8. 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.
9. The works should be carried out without any scope for violations and guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and other Forest & relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines in force.
10. Any other conditions imposed by the concerned the Forest Divisional Officers, Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad / District Forest Officers, Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial / Conservator of Forests, Adilabad and Conservator of Forests & Field Director Project Tiger, Kawal TR, Nirmal during execution of work in the interest of protection of Forests shall be carried out at the project cost.
11. The conditions stipulated in Handbook of F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications in F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019 and F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.), Dt.28.08.2015 and amendments issued therein, GOI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, (South Eastern Zone), Chennai F.No. 4-TSA150/2019-CHN/0988 Dt.19.06.2019, the Part I to V along with all connected documents like covering letters, undertakings, the inspection reports etc. shall be complied by the User Agency.

The Forest Divisional Officers, Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad / District Forest Officers, Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial are requested to enter into agreement with User Agency for working permission and are permitted to take up Extraction of tree growth, Translocation of trees if any, 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 21-22 for CA PD account and reported in MPR of CA PD account.

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To

The District Forest Officers, Komarambheem Asifabad and Mancherial

The Forest Divisional Officers, Bellampally, Kagaznagar and Asifabad.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Adilabad and the Conservator of Forests & Field Director Project Tiger, Kawal TR, Nirmal for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Dy.Chief Engineer, Construction, South Central Railway, Nizamabad for information.

Copy to the Chief Engineer, Construction -IV, South central Railway for information.

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16/1/2021

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Superintendent
16/01/2021