To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

Subject: Diversion of 4.88 ha of Forest land in Comt. No. 336 of Penukonda RF of Penukonda Range, Ananthapuramu Division for establishment of Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple at Penukonda Hillock in favour of Chairman & President, ISKCON Charities, Bangalore-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government’s letter No. EFS01-12021/90/Section-II/2018 dated 14.09.2018 and online proposal No. FP/AP/Others/31941/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section‘2’ of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government’s in principle approval (Stage-I) under Section ‘2’ of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.88 ha of Forest land in Comt. No. 336 of Penukonda RF of Penukonda Range, Ananthapuramu Division for establishment of Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple at Penukonda Hillock in favour of Chairman & President, ISKCON Charities, Bangalore, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;

2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered, at an interval of 20 meters, by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the project cost before the Stage II approval;

3. The State Forest Department shall carryout soil working cum weeding, creation of water harvesting mini-trenches in semi lunar shape, CCTs, cutting of high Stumps, coppicing, singling of multiple shoots etc in 5.59 ha of non forest land identified at Sy No 6-N9 in Thimmamambapuram Village of Penagalur Mandal of Chitvel Range in YSR District, Kadapa and Compensatory Afforestation (CA)
and its maintenance over **4.75 ha** of degraded forest land in Compt No 1047 of Chitvel Extn. “B” RF at the cost of the User Agency. A minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted area shall be planted in the identified CA lands. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and a map along with DGPS co-ordinates of such forest area shall be furnished along with the compliance report;

4. Entire non-forest land identified for compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutuated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance;

5. Non-forest land which needs to be transferred and mutuated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of six months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification to this office for information and record;

6. The land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA should not be left unspent as recommended by the REC;

7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **4.88 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA’s in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;

8. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

9. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation ,Net Present Value or any money for compliance of conditions stipulated in this approval letter shall only be deposited in the “State CA fund” of the Andhra Pradesh State;

10. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
11. The User agency may obtain consent / NOC from the Archaeology Department, if required before execution of the work;

12. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work and pilgrims visiting the temple do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

13. A layout map with component wise breakup and indicating the areas for parking of vehicles shall be furnished along with the compliance report;

14. The User Agency shall only use the road for which approval under FCA, 1980 has already been accorded by the GoI vide order No 4-APB454/2008-BAN/8085 dated 25.10.2010 and no other path or road shall be constructed to reach the temple premises;

15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

16. The User agency shall maintain temple premises as "plastic free zone";

17. The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;

18. All efforts shall be taken to minimize felling of trees and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees wherever feasible instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency;

19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.88 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those approved and no residential or commercial buildings shall be constructed in the forest area is being diverted. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

20. The progress of Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Ananthapur Forest Division shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;

21. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of the Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
22. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

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Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-
1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem Guntur-522004.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Chairman & President, ISKCON Charities, Doddakallasandra, 8th Mile, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560062.

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