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 0.99 ha of forest land in Compt.No.132 of Mangalagiri Block in Tadepalli RF for construction of 132/33 KV Sub-station, AllMMS at Mangalagiri in Guntur District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, AP TRANSCO, Guntur-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government’s letter No.2195/Section-II/2017 dated 08.06.2017 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section’2’ of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 20.06.2017. The State Government, Andhra Pradesh vide letter No. 2195/Section-II/2017 dated 14.06.2018 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey hereby the Central Government’s approval (Stage-II) under Section ‘2’ of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.99 ha of forest land in Compt.No.132 of Mangalagiri Block in Tadepalli RF for construction of 132/33 KV Sub-station, AllMMS at Mangalagiri in Guntur District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, AP TRANSCO, Guntur, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

(ii) The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of two times the number of trees to be felled in the diverted forest area and its maintenance in nearby degraded forest land from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency. CA scheme and map with DGPS co-ordinates of the degraded forest land to be identified for plantation shall be furnished to this
office. State Forest Department shall ensure that no amount realized for compensatory afforestation is left unspent;

(iii) Additional amount of the 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 User Agency;

(iv) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry’s guidelines F.No 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.

(v) No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused while executing the project work;

(vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

(vii) Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;

(viii) The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of user agency;

(ix) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.99 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

(x) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

(xi) The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under all other Acts, Rules/Regulation and Guidelines as may be applicable to such project. User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

(xii) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of the Guntur Forest Division shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
(xiii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of 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;

(xiv) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly;

(xv) 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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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. Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522004.

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