To,
The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh. Secretariat, Hyderabad- 500 022.

Subject: Diversion of 0.3 ha of Forest Land in Compartment No. 85 of Pasuvemula RF and Nellikal RF of Nagarjunasagar Wildlife Management Division for laying optical fibre cable in Forest Area along Peddavaru to Macherla route, in favour of M/s Idea Cellular Ltd., Hyderabad

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government’s letter No.9128/Section.II/2013 dated 16.05.2015 and PCCF, Andhra Pradesh letter No. 46005/2012/FCA-1 dated 16.12.2015 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 of even number dated 08.01.2016. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter No.9128/Section.II/2013 dated 05.05.2016 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government’s approval (Stage-II) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.3 ha of Forest Land in Compartment No. 85 of Pasuvemula RF and Nellikal RF of Nagarjunasagar Wildlife Management Division for laying optical fibre cable in Forest Area along Peddavaru to Macherla route, in favour of M/s Idea Cellular Ltd., Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

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

(ii) The 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 at the cost of User Agency.
(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) State Forest Department shall carry out mitigation measures as recommended by the NTCA at the cost of User Agency.

(v) 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. The maximum size of the trench should not exceed 2.00 m depth and 1.00 m width.

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

(vii) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.

(viii) Felling of trees shall not be carried out by the User Agency.

(ix) Work shall be taken up during day time only. No work shall be carried out during night time.

(x) User Agency shall undertake soil conservation measures around the forest area proposed for diversion at the project cost.

(xi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.3 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.

(xii) 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.

(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) 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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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, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.

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