

Sub.: Proposal for diversion of 469.18 hectares of forest land in (12) R.Fs. of Eluru Forest Division for Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme Package – I & II, in favour of Chief Engineer, Godavari Delta System, Dowleswaram Government of Andhra Pradesh.– regarding.

1. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Section. II) vide their letter No. 3733/Section. II/2016 dated 09.08.2016 submitted a fresh proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 469.18 hectares of forest land in (12) R.Fs. of Eluru Forest Division for Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme Package – I & II, in favour of Chief Engineer, Godavari Delta System, Dowleswaram Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. Details indicated in the proposal submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter dated 09.08.2016 are as below:

FACT SHEET

1.	Name of the Proposal	Proposal for diversion of 469.18 hectares of forest land in (12) R.Fs. of Eluru Forest Division for Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme Package – I & II, in favour of Chief Engineer, Godavari Delta System, Dowleswaram Government of Andhra Pradesh.–regarding.			
2.	Location:				
	State	Andhra Pradesh.			
	District	West Godavari District.			
3.	Detail of user agency				
	Name of the user agency	M/s. Chief Engineer, Godavari Delta System, Dowleswaram, Government of Andhra Pradesh.			
	Nature of user agency	Government of Andhra Pradesh Irrigation & C.A.D. Department.			
4.	Particular of Forests				
	Name of Forest Division	Eluru (Territorial) Forest Division, Eluru.			
	Area of Forest land proposed for Diversion (in Ha.)	469.18 Hectares.			
	Legal Status of Forest land	S. No.	The forest areas proposed for diversion are as follow:		
			Name of the Forest	Extent (in Ha)	Status of FB
		i.	A. R. Palem	1317.67	Notified U/5 4 of APF Act 1967 Vide Go. MS.No.23 F and Ag date 06.01.1970.
		ii.	Bhogulu	1659.21	Notified U/5 4 of APF Act 1967 Vide Go. M5.No.3 F and Ag date 03.01.1970.
		iii.	Singagudem	314.04	Notified U/5 4 of APF Act 1967 Vide Go. MS.No.2107 F and Ag date 24 11 1969

		iv.	Karakapadu	649.12	Notified U/5 15 of APF Act 1967 Vide Go. MS.No.253 F and Ag date 21.5.1981.	
		v.	Bedadanuru	5955.82	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882, Vide Notification No.17, and F and Ag date 17.12. 1897.	
		vi.	Dharbagudem	1430.57	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882 wide Notification No.840 F and Ag date 15.12.1899.	
		vii.	Marlagudem	870.08	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882 Vide Notification No.840 F and Ag date 15.12.1989.	
		viii.	Chintalapudi	439.49	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882 Vide Notification No.309 F and Ag date 05.05.1890	
		ix.	Nallajerla	2173.19	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882 Vide Notification No.812 Fund Ag date 16.12.1895	
		x.	Ramasingavaram	1341.55	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882 Vide Notification No.322 F and Ag date 15.04.1891	
		xi.	Tadikalapudi	851.87	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882 Vide Notification No.446 F and Ag date 16.06.1890	
		xii.	yerraguntapalli	3654.76	Notified U/5 16 of APF Act 1882 Vide Notification No.586 F and Ag date 24.07.1890	
	Density of Vegetation	Density of Vegetation varies from place to place. The RF block wise density particulars are as follows:				
		S. No.	Name of the RF Block	Total extent of the Block	Extent of area proposed to be diverted (in Ha)	Density of the vegetation
		i.	Karakapadu RF	649.12	42.178	0.6
		ii.	Karakapadu RF		22.962	
		iii.	Bedadanuru RF	5955.82	135.890	0.3
		iv.	DarbaqudemRF	1430.57	53.780	0.3
		v.	Erraantapally	3654.76	16.730	0.3
		vi.	Marlagudem	870.08	17.260	0.3
		vii.	A.R.Palem	1317.67	5.650	0.3
		viii.	Chintalapudi	439.49	61.170	0.3
		ix.	Singagudem	314.04	9.230	0.3
		x.	Bhogulu	1659.21	5.310	0.3
		xi.	Ramasingavaram	1341.55	38.040	0.3

		xii.	Thadikellapudi	851.87	33.640	0.3
		xiii.	Dubecherla (V) Nallaierla R.F	2173	4.550	0.3
		xiv.	Nallajerla		22.790	0.3
				Total	469.180	
5.	Maps					
	i. Differential GPS map of the area proposed for diversion			-		
	ii. Differential GPS map of the area identified for raising CA			-		
	iii. Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area proposed for diversion			Pg. 46/c.		
	iv. Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area identified for CA			-		
	v. Land use plan			-		
	vi. Forest Cover map			-		
	vii. Authenticated DGPS maps for Non-forest land and forest land proposed for diversion.			Pg. 224-287/c.		
6.	Vegetation					
	i. Species-wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees.			Pg. 147-150/c.		
	ii. Density			0.3		
	iii. Number of trees			Total Trees 1, 60, 052 & Poles 19737 lakh (Pg. 150/c).		
7.	Vulnerability of area to soil erosion			As reported by the DFO, 469.180 ha of land in 12 RF blocks mentioned above are proposed for diversion for the purpose of Chintalapudi lift irrigation scheme. Vulnerability of forest area has got in significant effect to erosion as the project is a Lift Irrigation project.		
8.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest			Abutting the boundary of the forest blocks. Distance is shown in the respective forest block sketches.		
9.	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.			No		

	(if so, the details of the area the comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	
10.	Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so, details thereof.	No
11.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	No
12.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	Yes, as per the certification furnished by the user agency and the information furnished in part I of the proposal, the alignment through RF is unavoidable from the technical feasibility point of view and is the barest minimum required for this Project.
13.	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still under progress.	No, work has been carried out in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
14.	Shape file / KML file CA and diversion land.	Yes, DSS report is placed (F/X).
15.	Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:	

	<p>i. Details of non-forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.</p>	<p>The following are the details of non-forest lands identified for C.A.,</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="732 289 1338 596"> <thead> <tr> <th>Mandal</th> <th>Village</th> <th>Rs. No.</th> <th>Total Extent of Rs No. in Ha</th> <th>Area for CA in Ha</th> </tr> <tr> <th>(1)</th> <th>(2)</th> <th>(3)</th> <th>(4)</th> <th>(5)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Anakapalli</td> <td>Thummapala</td> <td>360</td> <td>202.63</td> <td>202.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anakapalli</td> <td>Jagannadhapuram</td> <td>50</td> <td>40.49</td> <td>40.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chodavaram</td> <td>Chakkapalli</td> <td>329</td> <td>60.82</td> <td>60.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kasimkota</td> <td>Ugginapalem</td> <td>1</td> <td>204.45</td> <td>204.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Grand Total</td> <td></td> <td>508.39</td> <td>508.39</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Mandal	Village	Rs. No.	Total Extent of Rs No. in Ha	Area for CA in Ha	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	Anakapalli	Thummapala	360	202.63	202.63	Anakapalli	Jagannadhapuram	50	40.49	40.49	Chodavaram	Chakkapalli	329	60.82	60.82	Kasimkota	Ugginapalem	1	204.45	204.82		Grand Total		508.39	508.39
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	<p>ii. Map showing non-forest/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.</p>	<p>Not submitted</p>																																			
	<p>iii. Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.</p>	<p>The CA scheme for 508.39 ha of Non-forest land proposed to be taken – up in Visakhapatnam Forest Division of Visakhapatnam Circle from 2017-18 to 2028-29 in lieu of Diversion of 469.180 ha of forest land in Eluru Division for Execution of the Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme in favour of C.E., Godavari Delta System, Dowleswaram. The CA scheme is available at (155-187/c). The Divisional Forest Officer is also field inspection Note on compensatory Afforestation Area for Diversion of Forest Land in Eluru Division for Execution of the Chintalapudi Lis in favour of C.E. Godavari Delta System Dowlalswaram and the same is available at (Pg. 186-187/c). However, the approved detailed CA Scheme has not been given by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.</p>																																			

	iv. Total financial outlay for compensatory Afforestation scheme.	Not mentioned.
	v. Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view. To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservatory of Forests.	The Land Suitability Certificate is not given.
16.	Documentary evidence in support of settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted enclosed.	The State Govt. has submitted FRA Certificates without signature of concerned Collector & District Magistrate indicating documents is digitally signed and no physical signature is done. Moreover, the gram sabha resolutions for entire proposed area have not been attached with FRAs. The District Collector, Eluru, Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued FRA certificate by Digital Signed 13 villages and different dated and the same is available at (Pg. 288-339/c) for diversion of 469.626 hectares certifying the information in respect of all clauses of the MoEF's advisory dated 05.07.2013 i.e. diversion of forest land the for facilities managed by the Government and safeguarding the rights of Primitive Tribal Group and Pre-Agricultural Communities as required under the Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, discussion on the proposal in meeting of concerned Gram Sabha (s) maintaining the prescribed quorum, etc. The concerned Gram Sabha (s) of all 13 villages is available at (Pg. 288-389/c) .
17.	Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer in compliance to the conditions stipulated in the col. 7 (xi, xii) 8 and 9 previous approval.	The copy of the Site Inspection Report inspect by the CF, Rajahmundry Circle on 17.01.2016 to Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation. (Pg. 23-24c) . And SIR inspect by the DFO, Eluru Division is available at (Pg. 85-88/c) .
18.	Whether the project requires environment clearance	The user agency has stated that the Environment Clearance is under process.
19.	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	The Catchment Area Treatment Plan is required. But the CAT plan is not submitted. However, the user agency has submitted the undertaking and same is available at (Pg. 75/c).
20.	Rehabilitation of Oustee	4 No of village in West Godavari District:

	Number of SC Families	i. P. Narayanapuram (Jiligumelli Mandal) (53 Nos), and 12 SC & 58 ST. ii. Bothappagudem (Jiligumeli Mandal) (74 Nos), and 00 SC & 344 ST. iii. Jillelagudem (Jiligumelli Mandal) (88 Nos), 00 SC & 429 ST. iv. Bedadanuru (Buttayagudem Mandal) (1137 Nos), and 448 SC & 2007 ST.
	Number of ST families	
	Number of Backward Families	
	Copies of R&R Plan	The proposal of the R& R Plan in the Non forest area is under preparation.
21.	Cost Benefit Analysis	1.53:1 (Pg. 56/c).
22.	Total Cost of the project	Rs. 1701 Cores which includes cost of pump house, Pressure mains, Earth Work Excavation, CM&CD works of Main Canal, Branch Canals and Distributaries.
23.	Employment Potential	The majority of population in the command area are agricultural labour who are economically back ward due to lack of dependable irrigation facilities this project provides assured employment during the construction period of the project and later, through agriculture in 2, 00, 000 acres.
24.	Details of Mining lease	Not applicable
	i. Date of grant of initial mining lease	-
	ii. Date of execution of lease	-
	iii. Date of renewal	-
	iv. Details of approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980	-
	v. Mine Plan	-
	vi. Progressive Mine Closure Plan	-
	vii. Safety Zone	-
	viii. Phased Reclamation Plan	-
	ix. Nature of mining	-
	x. Mineral Reserve (Mineable Reserve)	-
	xi. Life of mine	-
	xii. Annual Production	-
25.	Undertakings to bear the cost of CA and NPV	Pg. 83-84/c.
26.	Profile of the District /Division.	
	Geographical Area of the District	8560.01 Sq. km.
	Total Forest Area	1306.734 Sq.Km
	Total area diverted since 1980	Area 216.516 ha

		Number of case - 5
	Total compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the district /division since 1980	1830.29 ha
	Forest land including penal compensatory Afforestation	-
	Non-forest land	1830.29 ha
	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on (date)	-
	Forest land	-
	Non-forest land	1306.57 ha
27.	Recommendation with Specific conditions, (if any)	
	DFO	Recommended (Pg. 19-21/c).
	CF	Recommended (Pg. 22/c).
	PCCF/ Nodal Officer (FCA)	Recommended (Pg. 25/c).
	State Govt.	Recommended (Pg. 26/c).

3. Purpose wise breakup of forest land proposed for diversion:

S. No.	Patch No.	Purpose of the area required	Name of the Reserved Forest	Extent in (Ha.)
i	Lift 2 pressure main. Link canal 1 and 2 and formation of saddle bounds	To lift the water to the Main Canal.	Karakapadu RF	65.140
ii	Main Canal from km. 0.000 to km.1.356	For Main Canal Excavation for Irrigation purpose		
iii	Main Canal from km. 29.351 to km. 31.152 & Jalleru bund.	For Main Canal Excavation for Irrigation purpose and formation	Bedadanuru RF	135.890
vi	Main Canal from km. 48.350 to km. 51.650	For Main Canal and distributaries Excavation for Irrigation purpose	Darbagudem RF	53.780
v	Man Canal from Km61.147 to Km 62.417	For Main Canal Excavation for Irrigation purpose	Erraguntapally RF	16.780

vi	Distributaries from Km 0.000 to 36.00	For the Distributory system	Marlagudem RF	17.260
vii	Distributaries from Km 36.000 to 68.00	For the Distributory system	AR Palem RF	5.650
			Chintalapudi RF	61.170
			Singagudem RF	9.230
			Bhogulu FB	5.310
			Ramasingavaram RF	38.040
			Thadikellapudi RF	33.640
			Nallajerla RF	27.340
			Grand Total	469.180

4. **Other remarks:**

- i. The Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme will provide irrigation facility to an extent of 2.00 lakh acres (80, 972 Ha.) in 15 Mandals of West Godavari and Krishna Districts, besides providing drinking water to a population of 6.65 lakh people and their cattle living in 160 villages. The Scheme will also serve water to the newly proposed Jalleru reservoir with a capacity of 8 TMC through gravity flow canal of 68 Km, including link canals and distributory network facility to the upland areas.
- ii. The Project proponent has submitted the undertaking to pay the amount towards the cost of treatment of catchment area and also undertake to pay the additional amount if any due to escalation or any other charges as per demand raised by the forest authorities. **(Pg. 75/c).**
- iii. The user agency has submitted the undertaking to pay an amount of such other amount basing on the prevailing market rates at the time of actual implementation, towards supply of gas connections to the project effected families under being the socio economic competent as a part of catchment plan, in addition to, payment of cost of catchment area treatment as provided in the CAT plan with such escalation charges as on the date of implementation. **(Pg. 76/c).**
- iv. Another undertaking to deposit NPV & CA is also submitted by the project proponent and the same is available at **(Pg. 83-84/c).**

5. **Site Inspection Report:-**

- i. The Forest Land proposed to be diverted has been inspected by the Shri Dr. MRG Reddy, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai. The following has been stated in the site inspection report submitted by the Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai vide their letter dated 28th October, 2016 **(Pg. 341-364/c).** are as below:
- ii. The additional facts and figures, which this office has come to know and mentioned in this forwarding letter, have been gathered from various sources, such as, the proforma proposal itself, the Working Plans and the information received during the field inspection from the local forest officials as well as project authorities. The site inspection of Reserve Forest land and Compensatory Afforestation land has been carried out by the undersigned on 16.10.2016 and 20.10.2016 respectively.
- iii. **Introduction:-** A proposal for diversion of 469.18 Ha.of forest land in (12) RF blocks of Eluru Forest Division for Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme Package I & II in favour of Chief Engineer, Godavari Delta System, Dowleswaram – Proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi. The user agency has certified that all other alternatives for the selection of non-forest land have

been explored and in unavoidable circumstances, the above forest land is proposed for diversion, which is the minimum recommended. The PCCF has stated that no violation is reported and submitted all undertakings, as required under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The proposal has been uploaded in the website, but under Regional Office and a request is made to correct it to be shown in HQts.

- iv. **Location of the Project:-** The site of the off-take point from where the water of Godavari river is proposed to be drawn is situated at Pattiseema Village of Polavaram Mandal in West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh on the road connecting Vijjeswaram to Polavaram (at Km. 33.500). Kovvuru town is the nearest railway station on Chennai – Kovvuru railway line at a distance of 30 Kms. Another big railway station Rajahmundry, which is situated on the other side of the river Godavari in East Godavari District.
- v. **Objective of the Project:-** This project is proposed to supply water to the upland areas in 15 Mandals of West Godavari and Krishna Districts for 2.00 lakh acres, who are presently irrigating their lands from rain fed tanks and locally drilled bore wells. This scheme also provides drinking water to a population of 6.65 lakh people and their cattle living in 160 villages.
- vi. **Salient Features of the Project:-** The project consists of construction of pump house at Godavari river bank to lift water with a head of 28 mts. And runs through lead channel of 12.3 Kms. to the sump of second stage (for 56 cusecs discharge) from there water will be lifted with a static head of 80 mts. through M.S. Pressure main for 3.5 Kms. and drop into the delivery cistern and from there main canal runs for a length of 68 Kms. along with necessary distributory system to irrigate 2.00 lakh acres of upland area. The Jalleru Reservoir is a balancing reservoir proposed to be formed in between two hills at the right side of the Chintalapudi Main Canal. It is proposed to lift the water of 8.00 TMC to the above reservoir from the main canal during the rainy season for a period of 90 days. For this purpose, a third stage pump house is proposed at Km.32.975 of the main canal to lift the required discharge through the pressure main into the reservoir and again the reservoir is connected to the main canal by constructing an OT. The project also aims at providing drinking water facilities to 6.65 lakh people and their cattle living in 160 villages.
- vii. Main components of the project are Pump Houses and Pressure Mains in three stages, Leading Channel, Main Canal, Branch Canals, Distributaries and Minors and formation of Jalleru Reservoir.
- viii. In Eluru Forest Division of West Godavari District Reserved Forest area, an extent of 469.18 ha is proposed to be diverted for the purpose of Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Project. This area is in 14 patches in 12 Forest Blocks, viz., Karakapadu RF, Bedadanuru RF, Marlagudem RF, Darbhagudem RF, Yerraguntapalli RF, A.R. Palem RF, Chintalapudi RF, Singagudem RF, Bhogole RF, Ramasingavaram RF, Tadikalapudi RF and Nallajela RF. The RF blocks inspected by the undersigned on 16.10.2016 are given below: -

S. No.	RF Blocks	Area proposed for diversion (Ha)	Total forest area in the block (Ha)	Remarks
1.	Tadikalapudi	33.64	851.87	Dry deciduous scrub jungle with 0.3 density and has nursery.
2.	Bedadanuru	-----	5955.82	Tropical secondary dry deciduous forest with 0.3 density.

	(i) Mulagalampalli	131.11	----	There are corporation plantations present along with Bamboo plantation.
	(ii) Kamaiahpalem	4.78	----	
3.	Marlagudem	17.26	870.08	Old Tamarindus trees and eucalyptus plantations.
4.	Karakapadu	65.14	649.12	Tropical secondary dry deciduous forests with density 0.6.
	TOTAL	251.93		

Note: There are quite a good chunk of plantations raised by AP Forest Development Corporation, for which compensation is proposed and is included in the estimates.

ix. **The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai in the said site inspection report recommended the proposal for favorable consideration, in view of the strategic importance of the project, stipulating the following conditions, in addition to the usual conditions:**

- a) In view of the irrigation potential proposed to be created, the diversion proposal is recommended. The forest area proposed is mostly either of plantations, as mentioned above and dry deciduous scrub with the average density of 0.3 with the exception at Karakapadu, which is relatively good forest area with density at 0.6.
- b) The main canal and other distributaries are criss-crossing the area and care should be taken to provide outlets for natural drains, as per the watershed maps available in the Forest Department offices.
- c) The State Government vide their proposal at page 263 has mentioned that out of 508.39 ha CA area proposed, 108.39 ha. is rocky patch, which is not suitable for planting. The same may be examined and alternative, as proposed in next paragraph - 7, may be provided.
- d) The department may justify whether the chain link fencing proposed only for the part of the periphery of the area is sufficient to safeguard the future plantations.

x. **The floristic composition:** - The species found are *Terminalia tomentosa*, *Lagerstroemia lanceolata*, *Lansea coromandelica*, *Garuga pinnata*, *Chloroxylon sweitenia*, *Hardwickia binata*, *Acacia sundra*, *Acacia Leucophloea*, *Albizia amara*, *Dalbergia paniculata*, *Mimosops hexandra*, *Diospyros melanexylon*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Erythroxylum monogynum*, *Sapindus emarginatus*, *Strychnos nuxvomica* and *Bauhinia racemosa*.

xi. **Fauna:** - *Lepous negricolis* (Hare / Kundelu), *Presbytis entellus* (Langur/Kondamuchu), *Macaca mulatta* (Kothi) and *Axis axis* (Spotted Deer).

CA areas identified

(a) Jagannathapuram	-	40.49 ha.
(b) Chakkipally	-	60.82 ha.
(c) Thumnapala	-	202.63 ha.
(d) Ugginpalem	-	204.45 ha.

Total	-	508.39 ha.

xii. **The Compensatory Afforestation:-** The CA areas proposed were inspected on 20.10.2016, as below:

S. No.	Range	Non-forest area location	Sy. No.	Area in ha.	Remarks
1.	Visakhapatnam	Jagannathapuram	50	40.49	Hill top with some vegetation like <i>Azadirachta indica</i> , <i>Wrightia tinctoria</i> , <i>Acacia nilotica</i> , etc.
2.	Chodavaram	Chakipally	329	60.82	-do -
3.	Visakhapatnam	Thumnapala	360	202.63	Hilly with vegetation.

The State Government vide their proposal at page 263 has mentioned that out of 508.39 ha. of CA area proposed, an area of 108.39 ha. is rocky patch and not suitable for plantations. The same issue was raised with the user agency and the Sub-DFO accompanied to the field visit. The user agency has agreed to provide alternate land at Rayapirejupeta, adjacent to Nallakonda RF in Visakhapatnam range. The same may be confirmed at the earliest through the State Government. Besides, the chain link fence proposed only for the part of periphery may be sufficient to prevent encroachments from local villagers, but may not ensure success of the CA plantation in future. Photographs of RF blocks and CA areas inspected are available at (Pg. 358-364/c).

The proposal along with the site inspection report received from the Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai was placed before the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on **09th – 10th November 2016** for their examination and appropriate recommendations.
