

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.EFS01-12021/110/Section.II/2018

Dated: 26-09-2018

From

The Principal Secretary to Government,  
EFS&T Department,  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,  
Amaravati-522503.

To

The Secretary  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
Government of India,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj,  
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110 003 (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 730.88 Ha. of forest land (i.e.594.75 ha. in Karakambadi RF, Krishnapuram RF of WLM Division Tirupati for construction of Sri Balaji Reservoir and Mallemadugu Reservoir (for Alignment of bund, Foreshore submersion), and 136.13 ha. in Ramapuram RF, Adavaram RF and Nagalapuram RF of Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor for construction of Kailasagiri Canal) in favour of Executive Engineer, GNSS Division, Renigunta, Tirupati under GNSS Phase - II project - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, AP, Lr. No.2244/2016/FCA-1, Dt.12-09-2018.

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I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh for diversion of 730.88 Ha. of forest land (i.e.594.75 ha. in Karakambadi RF and Krishnapuram RF of WLM Division Tirupati for construction of Sri Balaji Reservoir and Mallemadugu Reservoir (for Alignment of bund, Foreshore submersion), and 136.13 ha. in Ramapuram RF, Adavaram RF and Nagalapuram RF of Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor for construction of Kailasagiri Canal) in favour of Executive Engineer, GNSS Division, Renigunta, Tirupati.

2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. Executive Engineer, GNSS Division, Renigunta, Tirupati has submitted justification stating that the area proposed for diversion is for earth work excavation of GNSS Main canal and there is no option to take the alignment of GNSS canal in Non-Forest area. The Chittoor District is a religious and historical place, therefore lakhs of pilgrims may be visited from the various parts of the country and world and it is an additional burden to the District. It shows the necessity of other alternate arrangements has to be made for the feature requirements or even for present situations to supply the water to Tirumala and Tirupati town. As such Sri Balaji Reservoir and Mallimadugu Reservoirs are proposed to serve the needs for both drinking and as well as irrigation purpose. As no other alternative suitable non-forest area is available except the present location in forest area is inevitable for Canals and Reservoirs and the area required for the project is barest minimum area for the purpose for which it is proposed. The User agency has submitted an undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, payment of Net present Value (NPV), additional NPV and tree extraction charges etc. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. The District Collector, Chittoor District has issued necessary certificates in respect of non-linear projects i.e. Sri Balaji Reservoir & Mallemadugu Reservoir under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006, as stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of

India, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.03.08.2009, in the prescribed format Annexure-II (Form-II) and linear project i.e. Kailasagiri, issued necessary certificate under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, as stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format Annexure-I (Form-I) for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights. The field officers concerned and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The recommendation of the State Government in the proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

4. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 730.88 Ha. of forest land (i.e.594.75 ha. in Karakambadi RF and Krishnapuram RF of WLM Division Tirupati for construction of Sri Balaji Reservoir and Mallemadugu Reservoir (for Alignment of bund, Foreshore submersion), and 136.13 ha. in Ramapuram RF, Adavaram RF and Nagalapuram RF of Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor for construction of Kailasagiri Canal) in favour of Executive Engineer, GNSS Division, Renigunta, Tirupati, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,



for Principal Secretary to Government



Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.  
Regional Office, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floors,  
Handloom Export promotion Council Building  
34, Cathedral Garden Road,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034 (w.e)

The Executive Engineer, GNSS Division, Renigunta, Tirupati.

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## PART-V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

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### 18. Recommendation of the State Government:-

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

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“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 730.88 Ha. of forest land (i.e.594.75 ha. in Karakambadi RF and Krishnapuram RF of WLM Division Tirupati for construction of Sri Balaji Reservoir and Mallemadugu Reservoir (for Alignment of bund, Foreshore submersion), and 136.13 ha. in Ramapuram RF, Adavaram RF and Nagalapuram RF of Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor for construction of Kailasagiri Canal) in favour of Executive Engineer, GNSS Division, Renigunta, Tirupati”.

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Signature

Name & Designation

(Official Seal) **G. ANANTHA RAMU, I.A.S.,**  
Principal Secretary to Government  
Environment, Forests, Science &  
Technology Department  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,  
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Date: 26-09-2018

Place: Amaravati