

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 3.582 Ha of forest land for 4/6 lanning of Karnataka / Andhra Pradesh Border to Gooty Section of NH-63 form design Ch 375+ 740 to Ch 433+030 in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of Executive Engineer, National Highways, Anantapuram -**In-principle (Stage-I)** approval accorded - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.170

Dated: 30-10-2017

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Lr No.1697/2016/FCA-3, Dt.23-11-2016
2. State Govt. Lr No.6135/Section-II/2016, Dated.31-1-2017.
3. GoI, MoEF& C.C, Chennai Lr.F.No.4-APB031/2017-CHN/0429, Dt.15-3-2017, 6-6-2017 & 7-9-2017.
4. From PCCF & HoFF, Lr.No.1697/2016/FCA-3, Dt.31-8-2017.
5. GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.11-9/98-FC, Dated.13-5-2011, 16-6-2011, 10-12-2012, 1-2-2013, 17-5-2013 & 25-2-2016

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 3.582 Ha of forest land for 4/6 lanning of Karnataka / Andhra Pradesh Border to Gooty Section of NH-63 form design Ch 375+ 740 to Ch 433+030 in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of Executive Engineer, National Highways, Anantapuram.

2. Accordingly, the State Government in the reference 2nd read above, have forwarded the proposal to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai in the reference 3rd read above, have requested to furnish certain additional information and in the further letter dated.7-9-2017 the Government of India, have rejected the proposal, since the essential information as sought by them have not been received. In the meanwhile the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, in the letter 4th read above, has reported that only 42 number of trees to be felled in the area proposed for diversion and the number of trees to be felled are less than 50 per Ha. Hence, he has requested the Government to accord approval at State Government level as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in the reference 5th read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the reference 5th read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage-I)** approval for diversion of 3.582 Ha of forest land for 4/6 lanning of Karnataka / Andhra Pradesh Border to Gooty Section of NH-63 form design Ch 375+ 740 to Ch 433+030 in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of Executive Engineer, National Highways, Anantapuram, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
- (iii) The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated:28-3-2008 and 9-5-2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995 and as per the orders issued by Government of Andhra Pradesh vide Go.Ms.No.124 EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dated:27-7-2010.

- (iv) 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 paid by the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (v) The funds received from the user agency towards Net Present value (NPV), under this project shall be deposited in SB A/c No.SB01025198, Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371).
- (vi) Other conditions specified in the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letters dated. 13-5-2011, 16-6-2011 and 10-12-2012, shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh and the user agency with which they are concerned.
- (vii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 3.582 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.
- (viii) After receipt of the compliance report of the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to the user agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this approval shall automatically stand revoked

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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

Copy to:

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
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The Chief Executive Officer, (Ad-hoc CAMPA) and IGF (FC),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110 003

The Executive Engineer, National Highways, Anantapuram.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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SECTION OFFICER

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