

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.846/Section.II/2022/(1698927)

Dated:02.05.2022

From

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

To

The Inspector General of Forests (Central)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 2.63 ha of forest land in Compartment No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF (0.87 ha), Dhone Range and in Compartment No.334, Rangapuram RF (1.76 ha), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Bethamacherla in Kurnool District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool - Proposal submitted under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/2/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:07.04.2022.

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 2.63 ha of forest land in Compartment No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF (0.87 ha), Dhone Range and in Compartment No.334, Rangapuram RF (1.76 ha), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Bethamacherla in Kurnool District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool, has furnished justification stating that Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh was entrusted to take up erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS at Bethamcherla in Kurnool District as a part of re-routing of the line from AP 15 to AP 25 and AP 26/7 to AP 57. The proposed transmission line from AP 15 to AP 25 is falling in Compartment no.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF, Gulamaliabad Beat of Banaganipalli Section and from AP 26/7 to AP 57 in Compartment no.334 of Rangapuram RF, Rangapuram Beat, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division. All efforts were put to avoid forest land but forest land could not be avoided totally and hence it is proposed to divert 2.63 ha of forest land for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS at Bethamcherla in Kurnool District as a part of the re-routing of the line from AP 15 to AP 25 and AP 26/7 to AP 57 in the interest of public. The User Agency has furnished undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation in the identified degraded forest land, payment of N.P.V and cost of tree extraction charges. The District Collector, Kurnool District has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique file No.FP/AP/TRANS/150705/2021 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, the Conservator of Forests 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 proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

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3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.63 ha of forest land in Compartment No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF (0.87 ha), Dhone Range and in Compartment No.334, Rangapuram RF (1.76 ha), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Bethamacherla in Kurnool District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswari
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool.

PART-V

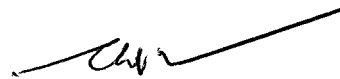
(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

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)

(Letter No.846/Section.II/2022, Dated.02.05.2022 for diversion of 2.63 ha of forest land in Compartment No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF (0.87 ha), Dhone Range and in Compartment No.334, Rangapuram RF (1.76 ha), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Bethamacherla in Kurnool District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool)

“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 2.63 ha of forest land in Compartment No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF (0.87 ha), Dhone Range and in Compartment No.334, Rangapuram RF (1.76 ha), Dhone Range, Kurnool division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Bethamacherla in Kurnool District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool.”



Signature

Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Date: 02-05-2022

Place: AMARAVATI

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science
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A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.