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

Letter No.980/Section.II/2022/(1705732)

Dated:02.05.2022

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

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 4.82 ha of forest land falling in Compartment No.227 of Basavapalli RF, Chittapara Beat, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District for grant of quarry lease for black granite in favour of M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt.Edavlli Akhila), Hyderabad - Proposal submitted under section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/20/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:22.04.2022.

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 4.82 ha of forest land falling in Compartment No.227 of Basavapalli RF, Chittapara Beat, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District for grant of quarry lease for black granite in favour of M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt.Edavlli Akhila), Hyderabad.

I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt. Edavlli Akhila), Hyderabad, has furnished Justification stating that Geologically the applied area belongs to peninsular gnessic complex essentially a low grade metamorphic terrain formed during the Archean times and are intruded by late Archean to early Proterozoic mafic dyke swarms. The applied area consists of dolerite dyke striking NW-SE in direction. The width of the dyke is about 80 to 100 mts and length of 375 to 400 mts. The applied area is covered with small boulders ranging from 1.5 to 4 mts. underneath by sheet rock. Mineralogically the dolerite consists of plagioclase feldspar and Augite as essential mineral and olivine, chlorite and Quartz as accessory mineral. Petrology of the area constitutes and exhibits wide variation in their external forms, structural patterns with preferential emplacement broadly along East-West Direction. At some places, the dyke is swelling and pinching. The unaltered part of plagioclase is cloudy due to minute inclusions of magnetite which is a common feature of dolerite dyke intrusive into granulite terrain. The rock available in that area is hard and compact in structure and black in colour. The characteristics colour, structure, texture, Compactness, Cutting & Polishing strength attains usage the same in cutting and polishing purpose. The above factors are commercially viable and may attract export value. Structurally the rock units are Joined and influence in recovery of dimensional stone. The User Agency has identified non-forest land over an extent of 4.95 ha in Sy.No.103-2 of Ramagiri Village, Ramagiri Mandal, Ananthapuramu District for compensatory afforestation purpose. The User Agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA and tree extraction charges etc. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West has prepared CA Scheme for raising plantations in the degraded forest land with an outlay of Rs.38.100 lakh from the year 2022-23 to 2033-34. The District Collector, Chittoor District has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The uploaded in the Ministry's website been and unique No.FP/AP/QRY/121190/2021 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned

Divisional Forest Officer, the Chief 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.

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 4.82 ha of forest land in Compartment No.227 of Basavapalli RF, Chittapara Beat, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District for grant of quarry lease for black granite in favour of M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt. Edavlli Akhila), Hyderabad, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

N-Jagadeeswaii for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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

M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt. Edavlli Akhila), Road No.3, Banajarahills, Hyderabad -500034.

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.980/Section.II/2022, Dated.02.05.2022 for diversion of 4.82 ha of forest land in Compartment No.227 of Basavapalli RF, Chittapara Beat, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District for grant of quarry lease for black granite in favour of M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt. Edavlli Akhila), Hyderabad)

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 4.82 ha of forest land in Compartment No.227 of Basavapalli RF, Chittapara Beat, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District for grant of quarry lease for black granite in favour of M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt. Edavlli Akhila), Hyderabad."

Signature

Name & Designation

(Official Seal)

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,

Special Secretary to Government Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department

A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 02-05-2022

Place: AMARAVATI