

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

Letter No.2004/Section.II/2022/1847799

Dated:04.11.2022

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,  
Green House Complex,  
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: EFS&T Dept. – Diversion of 9.39 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.475 of Veligonda RF of Mundlapadu Beat, Kanigiri Range, Giddalur Division for extraction of Quartz in favor of Sree Balaji Minerals, Mg. Partner: Sri Syed Mastan Basha – Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/8/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:22.07.2022.

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I enclose herewith a copy of the reference 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, Guntur, for diversion of 9.39 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.475 of Veligonda RF of Mundlapadu Beat, Kanigiri Range, Giddalur Division for extraction of Quartz in favor of Sree Balaji Minerals, Mg. Partner: Sri Syed Mastan Basha.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. Sree Balaji Minerals, Mg. Partner: Sri Syed Mastan Basha has uploaded the proposal in the PARIVESH portal (Unique No.FP/AP/QRY/44737/2020) for seeking prior permission of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 9.39 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.475 of Veligonda RF of Mundlapadu Beat, Kanigiri Range, Giddalur Division for extraction of Quartz in favor of Sree Balaji Minerals, Mg. Partner: Sri Syed Mastan Basha. He has furnished justification stating that the Quartz mineral is used in Glass industry as well as Ceramic Industry, Ferro Alloys. The proposed deposits in this area are having good quality of SiO<sub>2</sub> % and Electrical Conductivity. Further as seen from the office records it is revealed that the same quality of mineral is not available in the surrounding / outside Forest areas in terms of quantity, demand and supply. Now there is very much demand for the quartz and the demand may be doubled within next 2 to 3 years. Further, it is to submit that there are 67 mining leases are in force. Out of 67 leases only 10 leases are working and remaining are having no economical values due to depletion of deposit and low % SiO<sub>2</sub>. Even though all these leases are working, yet they are unable to meet the domestic and foreign demands. He has also furnished RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collector, Prakasam as required under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA etc.

3. Further, I inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur has recommended the proposal in part-II. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information given in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur and recommended the proposal in Part-III. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur and Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur and recommended the proposal in Part-IV. The State Government recommends the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

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4. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 9.39 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.475 of Veligonda RF of Mundlapadu Beat, Kanigiri Range, Giddalur Division for extraction of Quartz in favor of Sree Balaji Minerals, Mg. Partner: Sri Syed Mastan Basha, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

**Copy to:**

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

Sri Syed Masthan Basha, Managing Partner,  
M/s.Sree Balaji Minerals, D.No:3/907-1,  
YMR Colonay, Proddatur, Kadapa.

**PART-V**

Proposal for diversion of 9.39 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.475 of Veligonda RF of Mundlapadu Beat, Kanigiri Range, Giddalur Division for extraction of Quartz in favor of Sree Balaji Minerals, Mg. Partner: Sri Syed Mastan Basha.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature



Name & Designation

**Official Seal** APATHI RAO, I.F.S.,  
Special Secretary to Government  
Environment, Forests Science  
and Technology Department  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 04.11.2022

Place: AMARAVATI