

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

Letter No.2633/Section-II/2021/1606355

Dated:07.09.2022

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: Diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.460 of Pachigunta RF, Chittoor East Range, Chittoor East WL Division for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s.Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D.James) - Proposal submitted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/38/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 26.12.2021.
2)StateGovt.Memo.No.2633/Sec.II/2021/1606355, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.27.01.2022.
3)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/38/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:20.06.2022.

I enclose herewith the copies of the letters 1st and 3rd 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 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.460 of Pachigunta RF, Chittoor East Range, Chittoor East WL Division for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D.James).

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e., M/s. Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D.James) has uploaded the subject proposal in the PARIVESH portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) for prior approval of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal is registered with unique No.FP/AP/QRY/113754/2020, dt.16.12.2020. He has furnished justification stating the mineral Black Granite deposits available in the applied forest area is very high quality and having good demand in India for construction purpose as well as in foreign countries. The quality of mineral is not available outside the RF other than in the applied forest area and as such applied for mining lease after exploring all other alternatives. He has also furnished RoFR Certificate as required under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Form-II issued by the District Collector, Chittoor and undertakings for payment of NPV, Additional NPV, CA and tree extraction charges etc.

3. Further, I am to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor (East) WL Division, Chittoor has recommended the proposal in Part-II. The Chief Conservator of Forests, WLM Circle, Tirupati has agreed with the information provided in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor (East) WL Division, Chittoor and also recommended the proposal in Part-III. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh has recommended the proposal in Part-IV.

4. In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force was requested to re-examine the proposed road alignment along the RF boundary which can be avoided as the proposed mine is close to the RF boundary and if it is unavoidable furnish reasons vide in the reference 2nd cited.

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5. In the reference 3rd cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has informed that the proposed road is the only way to reach the quarry site and there is no another way. On the right side of the proposed road there is Reserve Forest and on the left side of the proposed road there are agricultural lands. Hence, the proposed road is unavoidable and there is no alternate road to reach the proposed mining area.

6. 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 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.460 of Pachigunta RF, Chittoor East Range, Chittoor East WL Division for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D.James), 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.
M/s. Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D.James), Chittoor.

PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.460 of Pachigunta RF, Chittoor East Range, Chittoor East WL Division for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D.James).

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature

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

Name & Designation

Official Seal

Date: 07-09-2022

Place: AMARAVATI