

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To  
The Secretary to Government,  
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Andhra Pradesh Secretariat  
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**Rc.no.EFS02-15034/2/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:07/09/2021.**

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 1.81 ha. of forest land  
- for Rehabilitation and up-gradation of NH-18 from Km.108/850 to 160/200  
(Raychoti to Kadapa section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of  
Andhra Pradesh in favour of EE (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa - In-  
principle/Stage-I approval accorded - Condition-wise compliance report  
submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1. GoI, MoEF&CC, R.O, Chennai F.no.4-APB046-2017-CHN/1598,  
- dt.05.10.2017.  
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.3807/2016/FCA-3,  
dt.09.10.2017.  
3. CF, Kurnool, Rc.no.2584/2016-TO, dt. 18.12.2020.  
4. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.15034/2/2021-FCA-SEC-  
PCCF/FCA-1, dt.22.03.2021.  
5. CF, Kurnool, Rc.no.2584/2016-TO, dt. 13.07.2021

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that, Government of India in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, have  
accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 1.81 ha. of forest land for  
Rehabilitation and up-gradation of NH-18 from Km.108/850 to 160/200 (Raychoti  
to Kadapa section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra  
Pradesh in favour of EE (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa, subject to certain conditions  
stipulated therein.

It is further submitted that, in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, while  
communicating the Stage-I approval, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool and the  
Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa were requested to submit Stage-I compliance  
report.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool in the references 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
5<sup>th</sup> cited, has submitted the condition-wise compliance report, which is as follows.

Sl.no.	Condition stipulated by	Compliance report submitted
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	<b>Government of India</b>	
(i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, instructions of GoI would be followed strictly and legal status of the land would remain unchanged.
(ii)	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the user agency.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, the forest area proposed for diversion was demarcated by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the user agency.
(iii)	The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 3.72 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Compt.no.759 Idupulapaya Redlcheruvu RF in Rayachoti Range at the cost of the user agency.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that Compensatory Afforestation to an extent of 3.72 ha. would be taken up @ 1111 no. plants per ha. at an espacement of 3 m. X 3 m. in the identified degraded forest area in Compartment no.759, Idupulapaya Redlcheruvu RF in Rayachoti Range during 2020-21 at the cost of user agency and advance operations would be done during the year 2020-21 as per the CA scheme proposal at the cost of the user agency.
(iv)	Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-I).
(v)	The State Government shall charge Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 1.81 ha. from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA no.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) no.202/1995;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, the User Agency had paid an amount of Rs.14.53430 lakh towards Net Present Value (NPV) for the diverted forest land of 1.81 ha. by generating challan through Ministry's website.
(vi)	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land in any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-II).
(vii)	The funds received from the User Agency towards	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency had deposited an amount of

	Compensatory Afforestation and NPV under this project shall be deposited in the Corporation Bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the NPV and other levies only by generation challan through the Ministry's website;	Rs.53.5983 lakh (CA - Rs.39.064 lakh & NPV - Rs.14.5343 lakh= Rs.53.5983 lakh) by generating challan through the Ministry's web site into AP CAMPA account (Corporation Bank A/c no.1505911326219017823, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003) towards Compensatory Afforestation and NPV (Annexure-III).
(viii)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-IV).
(ix)	Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest floor and fauna;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-V).
(x)	Removal of red sanders trees from the forest area proposed for diversion shall be done as per the rules, guidelines and procedure in vogue in consultation with the DFO concerned.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, as per the report of DFO, Kadapa, the following FROs felled the RS trees noted against each and transported the same to the Central Depot, Kadapa vide Form-I permit no. and date noted against each.  1. FRO, Kadapa - 304 RS trees transported in Form-I permit no.35280, dt.08.01.2018 & 35283, dt 03.01.2020. 2. FRO, Rayachoti - 301 RS trees transported in Form-I permit no.080791, dt.10.09.2020.
(xi)	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain sufficient numbers of red sanders saplings in the proposed CA land as proposed by the DFO, Kadapa Division;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, the instructions would be followed scrupulously.
(xii)	The UA shall construct retaining walls and check wall wherever required by	The CF, Kurnool has reported that, the User Agency constructed retaining wall and check walls in the diverted area at the

	consulting the DFO concerned at the project cost;	project cost.
(xiii)	The construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.	The CF, Kurnool has reported that, the User Agency constructed culverts/bridges in the diverted area wherever required at the project cost without hampering the natural course of water or does not give rise to water logging and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
(xiv)	Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;	The CF, Kurnool has reported that, there are 605 no. of Red Sanders trees. Out of which 286 nos inside the RF and 319 no. outside the RF are felled and also 912 no. miscellaneous trees of which 589 nos are inside the RF and 232 no. outside the RF area are felled.
(xv)	The user agency shall arrange to raise avenue plantation all along the roadside at the project cost with maintenance of 7-10 years;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-IX).
(xvi)	Roadside cuttings and filling which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO so as to stabilize the soil.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, the User Agency followed the instructions during road side cuttings and filling with required engineering support.
(xvii)	The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling, as the cost of the user agency;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, no trees were translocated by the User Agency
(xviii)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.81 ha. and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-XI).
(xix)	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-XII).

	approval of the Central Government;	
(xx)	User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for time being in force, as applicable to the project;	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-XIII).
(xxi)	Any other conditions that Central Government or Addl.PCCF (Central) of Regional office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-XIV).
(xxii)	The progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Kadapa Forest Division in Sl.no.12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e, 410.32 ha. of forest land and 156.20 ha. of non-forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.	CF, Kurnool has submitted that instructions were noted.
(xxiii)	The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency was being reminded regularly for submission of report in DFO, Kadapa Rc.no.941/2018-A8, dt.22.04.2021, 02.06.2021 & 02.07.2021. Soon after receiving the annual self-compliance report from the User Agency, the compliance report in this regard will be submitted separately.
(xxiv)	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.	The CF, Kurnool has submitted the undertaking furnished by the User agency.

The Stage-I condition-wise compliance report submitted by the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool along with necessary enclosures is submitted herewith.

Government are requested to consider the compliance report and forward the same to Government of India for according Stage-II approval to the above mentioned project.

Encl:-As above.

Yours faithfully,  
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