

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To  
The Spl.Chief Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology  
Department,  
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,  
Amaravati- 522 503.

**Ref. no. EFS02-15029/59/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1,**  
**Dated: 25/11/2022.**

Sir,

Sub:	APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.90 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District in favour of M/s. Sainath Stone Crushers (Mg.Partner- Sri Y. Balathimma Reddy) for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal - Proposal recommended submitted - Reg.
Ref:	1. DMG, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam, Lr.no.21990/R4-2/2017, dt.24.10.2017. 2. CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.No.CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.No.2576/2018-TO, dt.22.01.2022 & 13.07.2022. 3. DMG, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam, Lr.no.21990/D10/2017, dt.12.09.2022.

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It is submitted that the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, has forwarded the proposal for diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.90 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District in favour of M/s.Sainath Stone Crushers (Mg.Partner- Sri Y.Balathimma Reddy), Banganapalli, for grant of quarry lease for road metal. Further, the DMG, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, has furnished additional information as sought by this office.

The information furnished by the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam while forwarding the proposal is as follows;

- The Road Metal available in the applied area is in good quality and have good strength and it is useful for construction activities. The mineral has huge demand in formation of roads, canals and in construction of houses. The similar deposits of mineral are not available in Banganapalli surroundings. Hence, it is necessary to open a new quarry lease for Road Metal in this area.
- It is a fresh quarry lease.
- Details of the other mining leases of Road Metal, their capacity, average annual production and projected future requirements.

Name of the Mineral	No. of existing leases	Total capacity (in cbm)	Average annual production (in cbm)	Future requirement of this mineral (in cbm)	Present requirement (out of column no.5) (in cbm)	Remarks
Road metal	05	5.8 lakh	5.2 lakh	Nearly 10 lakh	6.8 lakh	-

- Details of existing leases of the lessee their capacity of production and present level of average annual production.

Name of the lease	Location of quarry lease	Capacity of production	Present level of average annual production of existing lease
M/s. Sainth Stone Crushers (Mg.Partner - Y.Balathimma Reddy)	Compt.no.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF, Kurnool Division (2.625 ha) (G.O.Ms.no.85,EFS&T (For.I) Dept, dt.31.10.2012)	1.25 lakh per annum	45,000 cbm

Since the existing mining lease in favour of M/s Sainth stone Crushers (Mg. Partner: Y. Balathimma Reddy) sanctioned before 27.05.2015, instructions have been issued to the User Agency through CF, Kurnool to comply the instructions issued by the Government of India in Gol, MoEF&CC (FC) F.no.11-125/2014-FC, dt.27.05.2015 & Gol,MoEF&CC (FC) F.no.8-67/1996-FC(Pt), dt.02.08.2017. Accordingly, the User Agency has surveyed the mining lease area along with safety zone with DGPS equipment and submitted proposals and these proposals are being dealt separately in the connected file pertaining to mining lease sanctioned for 2.625 ha. The User Agency has also given an undertaking informing that he is ready to pay NPV as decided by the Forest Department for the forest area falls in safety zone of the existing sanctioned mining lease of 2.625 ha.

With the above information, the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada has requested to process and accord clearance to the above mentioned proposal.

Subsequently, the Mg. Partner, M/s.Sainth Stone Crushers, Banaganapalli (V) & (M), Kurnool District has initiated a proposal in the PARIVESH portal on 01.04.2021 for diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.90 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District in favour of M/s. Sainth Stone Crushers (Mg. Partner- Sri Y. Balathimma Reddy), for grant of quarry lease for road metal.

The proposal was forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool on

18.06.2021 through the PARIVESH portal for processing the proposal as per the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and the guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited has processed the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and also submitted additional information as sought by this office.

The details of the proposal is as follows;

**The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-I:**

- For locating the project in forest area, the User Agency has justified that, this particular variety of the road metal is uniquely available in the applied forest area and not available anywhere outside.
- The user Agency has furnished the DGPS authenticated maps for the area forest area proposed for diversion and the non-forest land proposed for CA land.

Statement showing the details of forest area involved :

Sl.no.	Purpose	Area in ha.
1	Mining area	2.27
2	Safety zone area	0.61
3	Road area	0.02
	<b>Total area:</b>	<b>2.90</b>

- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- Employment likely to be generated due to this project is 25 number of persons (Permanent) and 280 number of person-days (Temporary).
- The user agency has indicated the safety zone area separately in the authenticated DGPS map.
- The User Agency has submitted undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in the identified non-forest land, payment of N.P.V, cost of tree extraction charges as decided by the Forest Department. And also to bear the cost of protection and regeneration of safety zone area and also to bear cost of afforestation the degraded forest land one and half times of forest area under safety zone.
- Non-forest land to an extent of 3.06 ha in Sy.no.781, Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District has been identified for compensatory afforestation purpose.
- RoFR certificate issued in Form-II by the District Collector, Kurnool District.
- The User Agency has submitted Mining plan approved by Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool in Rc.no.2128/MP/2021, dt.14.12.2021.

- The user agency (M/s. Sainath Stone Crushers) has minimized the road area and wants to utilize the road already existing in the quarry lease of M/s GMR Stone Crushers (2.597 ha) for transportation of quarried material. The user agency obtained NoC from M/s. GMR Stone Crushers to utilize their road for transportation of Road Metal.
- The user agency has stated that, an area of 1.855 acres in Sy.No.293 of Bhanumulala Village, Banganapalli Mandal, located outside the RF area belongs to him (i.e.,Sri Y. Balathimma Reddy i.e., the owner of M/s. Sainath Stone Crushers). Out of 1.855 acres, the user agency has proposed about (1) acre for dumping overburden extracted from the quarry lease.

**The District Forest Officer, Kurnool has furnished the following information in part-II :**

- Site inspection was conducted on 27.05.2021.
- Area of the forest land proposed for diversion is as follows.

Sl.no.	Purpose	Area in ha.
1	Mining	2.27
2	Safety Zone	0.61
3	Road	0.02
<b>Total:</b>		<b>2.90</b>

- Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest was notified as Reserved Forest land in G.O.No.2062, dt.23.10.1970.
- Density of vegetation is 0.1 (Eco-Class-III).
- Tree felling is not required.
- The RF area proposed is not vulnerable to erosion.
- The proposed area for quarry lease is about 0.128 km from the RF boundary.
- The proposed area for diversion does not form part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor etc.,
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed diversion area.
- There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land required for diversion is the barest minimum.
- No violations were taken place in the proposed area by the user agency.
- Non-forest land to an extent of 3.06 ha was identified in Sy.no.781, Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District by the user agency. The CA land is suitable for raising plantations. The CA land identified is adjacent and contiguous to Compartment no.263, Jaladurgam Extn-I RF and it is not over lapping with the CA lands identified for other projects. **CA Scheme has been prepared with an outlay of 28.937 lakh for a period of 12 years from 2022-23 to 2033-34.**
- Scheme proposal for fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area for Rs.14.746 lakh and also raising and maintenance of enrichment plantation over an extent of 0.915 ha in degraded forest area in Gulamaliabad South RF in lieu of safety zone area of 0.61 ha for Rs. 7.433 lakh has been prepared.

The District Forest Officer, Kurnool in his site inspection report, has informed that, the following (9) leases (sanctioned and proposed) are existing in the Compartment no.313 of Gulamaaliabad South RF.

1.	M/s GMR Stone Crushers, Banganapalli	2.662 ha	Stage-II approval accorded by Gol, MoEF&CC.
2.	Sri Y.Balathimma Reddy, Banganapalli	2.625 ha	
3.	M/s Venkateswara Stone Crushers, Banganapalli	2.246 ha	
4.	Sri Y.Shiva Sankar Reddy, Banganapalli	2.911 ha	
5.	Sri Bhargav Stone Crushers, Unit Banganapalli	2.925 ha	
6.	M/s GMR Stone Crushers, Banganapalli	2.597 ha	
7.	Sri G.Maddileti Reddy, Banganapalli	2.96 ha	FCA proposal under process
8.	M/s. Sainath Stone Crushers, Banganapalli	2.90 ha	
9.	Sri Y.Mahendranath Reddy, R/o Banganapalli	3.96 ha	Part-II proposal is under process.

Further, the District Forest Officer, Kurnool has submitted that, all the above quarry leases from Sl.no. 1 to 6 mentioned in the above table, have their own roads for transportation of their quarried material. The proposed quarry leases of M/s. Sainath Stone Crushers (2.90 ha) and Sri G.Maddileti Reddy (2.96 ha) and sanctioned leases of M/s. GMR Stone Crushers (2.597 ha), Sri Venkateswara Stone Crushers (2.246), GMR Stone Crushers (2.662 ha) and Sri Y.Balathimma Reddy (2.625 ha) are in cluster. Map showing the cluster of all the above mines is enclosed.

**Reclamation details of existing mining lease of present user agency:**

The District Forest Officer, Kurnool has submitted the Mg.Partner (Sri Y.Balathimma Reddy), M/s. Saintha Stone Crushes is already having one mining lease over an extent of 2.625 ha in Compartment no.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF for which Gol, MoEF&CC, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bangalore in F.No.APB718/2010-BAN/1942, dt.03.10.2012 have accorded prior approval under Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and accordingly, the State Government in G.O.Ms.No.85, EFS&T (For.I) dept., dt.31.10.2012 accorded

permission. Sri Y.Balathimma Reddy has informed him that, the pits dug in existing quarry are under operation. Mining operations were carried out only in 2.00 ha area as against 2.625 ha. leased area. Out of 2.00 ha area, reclamation work was carried out in (1) ha area in the balance (1) ha. area the mining is under operation. After expiring the lease period the reclamation work in the balance (1) ha area would be attended well before completion of the mining lease period and the land would be handed over to the Forest Department.

Further, the District Forest Officer, Kurnool has submitted that, redrawing of safety zone area of Sri Y.Balathimma Reddy i.e, existing lease of 2.625 ha (shown in the cluster map as B) and proposed lease of 2.90 ha (shown in the cluster map as H) by taking cluster of (2) mining leases may not be possible as per para 7.9 (ii) of Chapter-7 of the guidelines issued by the GoI as Applicant had applied for lease in different years and also the two leases are not contiguous.

The District Forest Officer, Kurnool has recommended the proposal in Part-II. The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has agreed with the information provided by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool in Part-II and recommended the proposal in Part-III.

Further, it is submitted that, as per the decision taken by the Government during the meeting held on 05.09.2022 in the AP. Secretariat, it was recommended to insist the user agency to deposit Rs.2.50 lakh per hectare to ensure Reclamation of mined area once the mines are exhausted of minerals. It may be incorporated as one of the condition in Stage-I approval to be accorded by the GoI, MoEF&CC.

The proposals in (4) sets duly recommending in Part-IV along with necessary enclosures is submitted herewith.

The Government are requested to consider the proposal and forward the proposal to the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for taking necessary action under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: - As above.

Yours faithfully,  
**Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs**  
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for information.  
Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool for information.  
Copy to the Mg.Partner, M/s. Sainath Stone Crushers, Banganaplli (V) & (M), Kurnool District for information and necessary action.



**PART-IV**

Proposal for diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.90 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District in favour of M/s. Sainath Stone Crushers (Mg.Partner- Sri Y. Balathimma Reddy) for grant of quarry lease for road metal.

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendations of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks (while giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon)	Recommended.
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Date:**21/11/2022.** Signature:**Anand Kumar Jha.**

Place : Guntur. Name:

Office Seal:**Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests.**

**A.K. JHA**  
Principal Chief Conservator  
of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer

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