

PART - IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or
Head of the Forest Department)

1	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of other wise of the proposal with remarks.		Recommended
2	(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).		

Date: 29.12.17

Place: Guntur

Signature 

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From: Sri P. Mallikarjuna Rao, IFS.,
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To,
The Prl. Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.No. 15472/2017/FCA-1, Dated: 28.12.2017

Sir,

Sub: - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 123.82 Ha. of Forest Land in favour of APCRDA for setting up of Science City under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects in Mothadaka Forest Block, Guntur Division & District of Andhra Pradesh - Proposals in (3) sets submitted - Reg.

- Ref: -
1. APCRDA Proposal No. FP/AP/Others/30247/2017, Dt. 20.11.2017.
 2. PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur Rc.No. 15472/2017/FCA-1, Dt.22.11.2017.
 3. The Commissioner APCRDA Rc.No.115/2017/LSE/ APCRDA, Dt. 15.11.2017.
 4. PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur Ref.No. 15270/2017/FCA-1. Dt.22.11.2017.
 5. CF, Guntur Rc.No.4482/2017/D1, Dt.13.11.2017.



It is to inform that vide reference 1st cited the Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority, Vijayawada has submitted the proposal through online (i.e. www.forestclearance.nic.in) for Diversion of 123.82 Ha. of Forest Land in favour of APCRDA for setting up of Science City under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects in Mothadaka Forest Block, Guntur Division & District of Andhra Pradesh.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division and Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide this office reference 4th cited for processing as per guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments thereon. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide reference 5th cited has submitted the proposal duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and amendment thereon for diversion of 123.82 Ha of forest land as per the field inspection.

The details of proposal are as follows:-

The user agency has furnished the following information in Part-I:

- This proposal is for setting up of Science City under Capital City Infrastructure Development projects in AP Capital region.
- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that the degraded forest lands are strategically located in the identified growth

corridors of the capital region. Further, there is no land bank available with the district administration and the APCRDA pooled up an area of 34,500 acres from the farmers of nearby Capital City. After exhausting all alternative lands in the unavoidable circumstances, the degraded forest land is identified for the purpose of the project for creating economic growth in the Capital Region.

- The area required for the project is unavoidable and barest minimum i.e., 123.82 Ha. which is proposed for diversion of forest lands in Mothadaka forest block in Guntur Division.
- The User agency has submitted that the Employment likely to be generated is 8000 permanent/regular persons and 1,00,000 temporary persons.
- Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required is as follows.

Sl.No.	Purpose	Area in Ha.
1	Science City	123.82
	Total	123.82

The detailed purpose wise break-up may please be perused at page no. 70 of the proposal.

- The details of forest land required may be perused at page no. 71 of the proposal.
- The User agency has submitted undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation as per the prevailing wage rates at the time of undertaking the plantation activities. Further, the user agency has given undertaking regarding NPV, additional NPV and tree extraction charges in the forest land proposed for diversion.
- The user agency has submitted the certificate under RoFR Act-2006, along with the Grama Sabha resolution as required under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The user agency has submitted the authenticated DGPS surveyed map for the area proposed for diversion and CA lands.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 123.82 ha. in Mothadaka Forest Block of Guntur Division, for Capital City Infrastructure Developmental Works in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh is essential in view of importance given to Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- Area of forest land proposed for diversion i.e., 123.82 Ha. in Compt No: 125 of Mothadaka RF of Guntur Range, Guntur Division.
- The vegetation consists of Tropical Thorn Forests and Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests with density 0.2 to 0.4 and categorized as Eco-class 4.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has furnished the growing stock and value of the stock as follows.
 1. Number of trees having girth between 30 Cms. and above 120 Cms. are 50 Nos.

2. Number of poles 73 Nos.
 3. Timber 0.022 Cum.
 4. Fuel Wood 2.65 Cum.
 5. Total cost of the above stock in Rs.2307/-
- The Divisional Forest Officer has certified that there is no impact on the ecology, especially soil erosion in and around the proposed area due to this proposal.
 - It is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project to that extent and user agency has also submitted certificate.
 - There are no rare / endangered species of flora and fauna found available in the proposed area.
 - The Divisional Forest Officer certified that the proposal does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archeological and Recreational importance inclusive of wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks.
 - The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division has inspected the proposed area on 01.12.2017.
 - During his inspection he has submitted that the total RF area consists of Dry deciduous scrub forest of eco-class IV occurs in sloppy hills boulders and continuous sheet of rock at some locations.
 - The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division, has stated that the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work was commenced.
 - The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has furnished the information in Part-III as follows:-

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 17.12.2017. The Conservator of Forests has stated that the Mothadaka RF is situated in Motadaka Village of Tadikonda (M) in Compt. No. 125 of Endroy Beat, Endroy beat, Mangalagiri Section of Guntur Range in Guntur Division. The forest block is Dry deciduous type thorny scrub forest. The hillocks have big size boulders and interspersed with some growth exists. The gradient is moderate and density is between 0.2 to 0.30 and the soil is highly bouldery and rocky. Wildlife was not noticed except some lizards. There is no natural water source, spring and the ground water table is very low.

The inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Guntur may be perused at page no. 199 to 201 of the proposal. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests has recommended the proposal in Part-III.

As per 3.2 (i) of guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation has been identified to an extent of 123.82 Ha. in Sy.No. 118 of Maguturu (V), Ardhaveedu (M) of Markapur Range of Markapur (WL) Division and a scheme for raising Compensatory Afforestation and maintenance have been prepared with a financial outlay of

Rs.555.00 lakhs for a period of (10) years commencing from 2017-18 to 2020-27. The Divisional Forest Officer has furnished the authenticated DGPS map alongwith location map duly signed by him.

The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique No. FP/AP/Others/30247/2017, Dt. 20.11.2017 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed herewith.

Both, the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division and Conservator of Forests, Guntur have recommended the proposal.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures duly recommended in Part-IV, are furnished herewith for taking necessary action in the matter.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- P.Mallikarjuna Rao

**Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)(FAC)**

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Ch. Deepthi 29/12/17.
For Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)