

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS.,
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To
The Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forest, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Amaravati - 522 503.

Ref. no. EFS02-15029/21/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-2,
Dated:02/03/2021.

Sir,

Sub APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 4.90 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF, Bangarupalyam (M), Chittoor West Division in favour of M/s. Prathima Granites for grant of quarry lease for Black granite – Proposal submitted – Reg.

Ref: 1. Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada Lr. no. 582/R5-1/2019, Dt.07.02.2019.
2. Proprietor, M/s. Prathima Granites, Kadapa District online unique Proposal no. FP/AP/QR/40862/2019, Dt.04.07.2019.
3. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Rc.no.EFS02-15029/21/2019-FCA SEC/PCCF/FCA-2, Dt.21.10.2019.
4. CF, Ananthapuramu (FAC), Rc.no.404/2019/TO, Dt.04.01.2021.

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It is submitted that the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada, in the reference 1st cited, has forwarded the application of the Proprietor (Sri K.Dheeraj), M/s.Prathima Granites, Chittoor District for diversion of forest land over an extent of 4.90 ha. falling in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF of Bodabanda Beat, Bangarupalyam Mandal, Chittoor West Division & District for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite.

While forwarding the application, the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada has furnished the following information.

- The type of mineral i.e., Black Granite is available only in forest land and unique one and it is not available other than forest area.
- The proposed area lies at distance of 2456 m. from Pulimaduguvuru Village, Baganurpalyam Mandal, Chittoor District and it is situated in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF. The mineral available in present applied area is vein type deposit and it is necessary to win the material in the form of open cast mining method. The waste management plan will be shown in the mining plan.
- There are no existing leases in the proposed area and the proposal is a

fresh proposal.

- Black Granite is a minor mineral which is regulated by the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1996 and the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 are applicable.

With the above information, the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada has requested to process the proposal for diversion of 4.90 ha. falling in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF of Bodabanda Beat, Bangarupalyam Mandal, Chittoor West Division & District for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. Prathima Granites, Chittoor District

Subsequently, in the reference 2nd cited, the Proprietor (Sri K.Dheeraj), M/s.Prathima Granites, Chittoor District has uploaded the proposal in Ministry's website for diversion of forest land over an extent of 4.90 ha. falling in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF of Bodabanda Beat, Bangarupalyam Mandal, Chittoor West Division & District for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. M/s. Prathima Granites, Chittoor District. The proposal is registered with unique no. FP/AP/QR/40862/2019, Dt.04.07.2019.

The proposal was forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West and Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu in the reference 3rd cited for processing the proposal as per the guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Subsequently, Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu in the reference 4th cited, has submitted the proposals duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, which are as detailed below.

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

- The proposal is for diversion of 4.90 ha. of forest land in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF, Bodabanda Beat, Bangarupalyam Mandal, Chittoor West Division & District for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. Prathima Granites, Chittoor District.
- For locating the project in forest area, the User Agency has justified that, this type of Black Granite is available in only in Ragimanupenta RF area and it is a unique one and it is not available other than the forest area.
- Cost of the project Rs.315.00 lakh.
- The user Agency has furnished the DGPS authenticated maps for the area proposed for diversion and CA land respectively.

Statement showing the details of forest area involved:

Sl.no.	Purpose	Area in ha.
1	Mining area	2.71
2	Dumping area	1.00
3	Safety zone area	0.87
4	Road area	0.32

	Total area	4.90
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- The User Agency has submitted that there will be no displacement of people due to this project and there is no requirement of Cost-Benefit analysis.
- The user agency has indicated the safety zone area for the proposed mining 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 CA land, payment of N.P.V., cost of tree extraction charges as decided by the Forest Department.
- The user agency has identified non-forest land for compensatory afforestation over an extent of 9.93 ha. in Sy.no.169 & 174-1 of Vajragiri Village, Owk Mandal, Kurnool District.
- The User Agency has submitted that the employment likely to be generated due to this project is 2 number of persons (Permanent) and 1600 number of person-days (Temporary).

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West has furnished the following information in part-II:

- Area of the forest land proposed for diversion is as follows.

Sl.no.	Purpose	Area in ha.
1	Mining area	2.71
2	Dumping area	1.00
3	Safety zone area	0.87
4	Road area	0.32
	Total area	4.90

- Ragimanipenta RF is notified u/s 15 of the A.P Forest Act, 1967 in G.O.Ms.no.306, Forests & Rural Development (For.III), Dept., dated 17.06.1981.
- Density of vegetation is 0.2.
- 284 no. trees are to be felled in the proposed diversion area. The Statement showing the abstract on Enumeration of Trees may be seen at page no.165 of the booklet.
- The flora existing in the proposed area are Canthium dicoccum (Nallbalsa), Diospyros chloxyton(Ulinja), Anogeissus latifolia (Velama), Gardenia gummifera (Bikki), Dolichondron crispa (Neeurdi) etc.
- The proposed area is covered with thorny bushes and huge boulders. The surrounding area is prone to soil erosion, but not major erosion. SMC measures are to be taken up with planting on mounds of SMC structures.
- The proposed mining area is approximately at distance of 400 m. from the nearest RF.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has inspected the forest area proposed for the project on 27.10.2020. Site Inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer along with photographs is enclosed.
- The proposed area for diversion does not fall under National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and 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 M/s. Prathima Granites, Kadapa.
- Non-forest land to an extent of 4.90 ha. has been identified in Sy.nos.169 & 174-1, Vajragiri Village (Mangampeta Thanda), Owk Mandal, Kurnool District in two bits. Bit-I (Sy.no.169) and II (Sy.no.174-1) are adjacent to Compartment no.305 and 305 of Owk Reserve Forest. The DFO, Kurnool has stated that, the CA land identified is not overlapping with other CA lands identified in respect of other projects and is suitable for raising plantations. Soil suitability certificate given by the DFO, Kurnool.
- Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool to an extent of 4.90 ha. with total financial outlay of Rs.42.422 lakh for the period from 2021-22 to 2032-33.
- The DFO, Chittoor West has prepared the Scheme for fencing, protection, regeneration and raising and maintenance of enrichment plantation over an extent of 1.31 ha. proposed in degraded forest area in compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF in lieu of safety zone area of 0.87 ha with Rs.4.95 lakh.
- Statement showing the calculation of Net Present Value in the proposed area for diversion is detailed below.

Sl.no.	Eco-Value Class	Eco-Class	Total area proposed (ha.)	Net Present Value (Rate/ha.) (in Lakh)	Total cost of NPV (in Lakh)
1	Class-III (open forest)	III	4.90	6.26	30.674

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West has submitted the Tentative reclamation scheme for the quarry lease of M/s. Parthima Granite.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West has recommended the proposal in part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu has not inspected the proposed area for diversion, as the area proposed for diversion is less than 40 ha. **However, the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu has agreed with the information given in part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West and recommended the proposal in part-III.**

Both, the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West and Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu have recommended the proposal.

The proposal has been uploaded in Ministry's website and unique no. FP/AP/QRY/40862/2019, Dt.04.07.2019 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed.

The RoFR certificate as required under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Form-II, furnished by the District Collector, Chittoor to the DFO, Chittoor West, was submitted by the DFO, Chittoor West Division.

Further, it is submitted that, the user agency has given a declaration

through the DFO, Chittoor West that, approved mining plan would be applied to the IBM during processing of lease period.

In view of the above, the statutory proposals for diversion of forest land over an extent of 4.90 ha. falling in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanipenta RF of Bodabanda Beat, Bangarupalyam Mandal, Chittoor West Division & District for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. Prathima Granites in (4) sets, duly recommended in Part-IV, is submitted herewith for consideration of the proposal and to forward the same to Government of India for according Stage-I clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
N Prateep Kumar
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

To

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West for information. Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu for information.
Copy to the Proprietor (Sri K. Dheeraj), M/s. Prathima Granites, 1-305-1/1, Maruthi Nagar, Kadapa for information.

PART-IV

(Diversion of 4.90 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no.205 of Ragimanupenta RF, Bangarupalyam (M), Chittoor West Division in favour of M/s. Prathima Granites for grant of quarry lease for Black granite .)

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:02/03/2021.

Signature

Place : Guntur

Name:N Prateep Kumar.

Office Seal:Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests.

