PART-IV

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

17.	<u>Detailed opinion and</u> <u>specific recommendation of</u>	: Recommended.
	the State Forest	
1	Department for acceptance	
	or otherwise of the proposal	
- T	with remarks	
	(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Dy. Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).	

Date: 3.5.16 Place: Runtum

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Signature: Name:

Office seal: Addl. Pri Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) %. Pri Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), GUNTUR, A.P.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

FROM:

Sri P.Mallikharjuna Rao, IFS., Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force) Aranya Bhavan, K.M.Munshi, Collector's Bungalow Road, Guntur – 522 004. To,
The Principal Secretary to the Govt.,
Environment, Forest, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Amaravathi - 522 503

Ref. No.15539/2017-FCA-2. Dated; 3-05-2018.

Sir,

Sub: Mines & Minerals – Proposals for diversion of forest land for mining lease for extraction of Barytes over an extent of 1.95 Ha., in sy.No.01/P of Ellutla village of Putlur Mandal, compt.No.558 of Ellutla RF, Putlur Mandal for grant of quarry lease in Ananthapuram Range of Ananthapuram Division in favour of Smt.J.C.Vijaya, R/o.Tadipatri, Ananthapuram District-submission of proposals – Reg.

Ref: 1.Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Lr.No.30786/R4-1/2017, Dt. 22-11-2017.

- 2.Prl.CCF (HoFF) A.P., Guntur Rc.No.15539/2017-FCA-2, dt.07-12-2017.
- 3.Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram Rc.No.2007/2017-T.O., dt.26.02.2018.
- 4. Online submission of application No.FP/AP/MIN/30265/2017.
- 5.PCCF(HoFF) A.P.,Guntur Rc.No.15539/2017-FCA-2,dated 28-03-2018.
- 6.Rep.of Smt.J.C.Vijaya, R/o.Tadipatri, Ananthapuram District dated Nil (received on 03-04-2018).
- 7.PCCF (HoFF) A.P., Guntur Rc.No.15539/2017-FCA-2,dated 04-04-2018.
- 8. Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram Rc.No.2007/2017-T.O, dt.27-04-2018.

It is informed that the proposals furnished by the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Guntur for diversion of 2.000 Ha., forest land in sy.No.01/P (comp.No.558) of Ellutla R.F., Putlur Mandal, Anantapuram District in favour of Smt.J.C.Vijaya, R/o.Tadipatri through the ref.1st cited, this office has processed the proposals and issued instructions to the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram through the ref.2nd cited.

In pursuance to the online application of Smt.J.C.Vijaya, R/o.Tadipatri through the ref.4th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) A.P., Hyderabad has called for the proposals from User Agency (i.e. Smt.J.C.Vijaya, R/o.Tadipatri through this office ref.5th cited. Basing on the hard copy proposals received from User Agency through the ref.6th cited, the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram was instructed to submit the proposals through Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram for processing the proposals as per the guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 through this office ref.7th cited.

The proposals were finally submitted by the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram under F \otimes Act, 1980 duly recommending parts-II & III through the ref.8th cited.

Information furnished by the user agency in Form B (Part-I):

Regarding this mining lease, this is new mining lease applied for Barytes. The applied area situated in a backward drought prone District of Ananthapuram of Andhra Pradesh State. Now a days a number of Industries are establishing. So requirement of Barytes is more. The leasehold, designated as the core zone is confined to the top of the hill. The area is surrounded by Ellutla Reserve Forest.

As per the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipatri, Ananthapuram District, it is a rare material and not available in the non-forest lands in Ananthapuram District. There are no existing lease for Barytes in the non-forest land. The A.D.M.G., Tadipatri also stated that previously, the Barytes mineral is under major mineral. After amendment of M.M.(D&R) Act, 1957 vide M.M.(D&R) Act, 2015 the minerals Barytes comes under 31 newly declared minor minerals.

The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam while forwarding the proposals, with a request to process and accord clearance for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose for grant of quarry lease for Barytes over an extent of 2.000 Ha., in sy.No.01/P (comp.No.558) of Ellutla village, Putlur Mandal, Ananthapuram District in favour of Smt.J.C.Vijaya.

The User Agency also submitted certificate /undertakings regarding safety zone plantation, payment of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) and additional N.P.V., and other undertakings as per norms.

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The User Agency in their justification report, it is stated that a total quantity of 3.00 lakh M.Ts of Barytes mine reserves are existing in the mining lease area. The mineral can mine in the area @ 5,000 tonnes per year over a twenty year period 3.00 lakh tonnes could be produced to meet demand of the indigenous market. The quarrying metal by generating employment of 75 Nos. Pworkers & staff. The other 100 persons can live on this project. (vide page No.55 of proposals).

<u>Information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram Division in part-II.</u>

As per the details, the area of forest land is 1.95 Ha.,including safety zone area of 0.40 Ha., within the lease area. The Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram inspected the area on 22.04.2018.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram also reported that the area recommended for diversion towards mining lease does not have any tree growth and will not cause any adverse impact on the natural eco-system of the area and vegetation including wild life. The species of Hardwickia binata (Narepi), Adavai Jana, Chigara, Sundra, Nemali adugu are exists in the proposed mining lease area over 252 trees which contains pole and fuel only contains value of Rs.58413/-. There is no much vegetation in the proposed area for diversion is not falling in National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve and no historical / heritage importance site.

The User Agency also identified non-forest land for compensatory afforestation over an extent of 2.04 Ha.,in sy.No.207 of Anumpalli (village) of Putlur (Mandal) of Gooty Range of Ananthapuram Division. The C.A., land inspected by the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram on 22.04.2018 along with Forest Range Officer, Ananthapuram and the land is in compact shape and also it is suitable from management and protection point of view.

Accordingly, the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram has recommended the proposals on 23.04.2018 in part-II, and the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram in part-III and agreed with part-II submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuram and recommended for renewal on 27.04.2018. The prescribed certificates, undertakings were obtained from the User Agency and enclosed to the proposals.

The proposals in (3) sets along with report of Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam submitted through the reference $8^{\rm th}$ cited are furnished herewith duly recommended the proposals in part-IV.

The Government are therefore, requested to forward the proposals for grant of mining lease over an extent of 1.95 Ha., in compartment no.558 of Ellutla R.F., Putlur Mandal, Ananthapuram Range of Ananthapuram Division & District for extraction of Barytes in favour of Smt.J.C.Vijaya, R/o.Tadipatri, Ananthapuram District to the Government of India for according necessary approval in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- P.Mallikharjuna Rao,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)

Encl: As above.

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For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

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