

## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

From: Dr. Mohd. Iliyas Rizvi, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, "Aranya Bhavan", K.M. Munshi Road, Guntur-522004.

To, The Prl. Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

**Rc.No. 10384/2017/FCA-1, Dated:06.11.2018**

Sir,

Sub:- FD - Forest (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land towards construction of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works - Proposals for processing under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - submitted - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati Online Proposal No.FP/AP/IRRIG/15739/2015, Dt: 01.09.2018.  
2. PCCF's Ref.No.10384/2017/FCA-1, Dt:12.09.2018.  
3. Executive Engineer, SSLC & SB Division No.3, Kothur - Nellore Lr.No.DB/AEE(Y)/Package No.17/ Forest/Vol.1/643M Dt:15.09.2018.  
4. PCCF's Ref.No.10384/2017/FCA-1, Dt:18.09.2018.  
5. CF Guntur Rc.No.1219/2018-TO, Dt:05.10.2018.  
6. CF Tirupati Rc.No.326/2018/Ma, Dt:27.10.2018.

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The Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited has uploaded the proposals in ministry's website for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land towards construction of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works duly connecting Merlapaka and Mannasamudram Tanks. The proposal was registered with unique number FP/AP/IRRIG/15739/2015, Dt: 01.09.2018.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officers, Nellore and Chittoor East (WL) Divisions vide this office reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited for processing as per guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments thereon, through Conservators of Forests, Guntur and WLM Circle Tirupati. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur and Tirupati vide references 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> cited has submitted the proposals duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and amendment thereon for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land.

**The details of proposal are as follows:-**

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

- This proposal is for Earth Excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link Canal from Km.69.150 to Km.69.575, from Km.70.150 to Km72.400, from Km.73.000 to Km.74.100 and from Km.75.400 to Km.76.140 and Inlet Structures at Km.56.000 and Km.72.950/71.950 20.720 Ha. in Venkatagiri Hill RF & Inagaluru RF in Nellore and Chittoor Districts.
- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that the proposal is submitted for utilization of 20.72 Ha. of forest land for the Work of Earth work Excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link Canal from Km.69.150 to Km.69.575, from Km.70.150 to Km72.400, from Km.73.000 to Km.74.100 and from Km.75.400 to Km.76.140 and Inlet

Structures at Km.56.000 and Km.72.950/71.950 20.720 Ha. in Venkatagiri Hill RF & Inagaluru RF in Nellore Division and Chittoor East (WL) Division for providing Drinking water to the villages enroute the canal and for irrigating 78464 acres stabilization and 12000 acres New ID and certified that there is no other alternative than the proposed land.

- The User agency has submitted that 110 Man-days of Temporary Employment are likely to be generated due to the project.
- Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required for construction of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link Canal is as follows.

Sl.No.	Division	Purpose	Area in Ha.
1	Nellore	Canal	11.52
2		Inlet Structure and Canal	1.12
3	WL Chittoor East	Canal	8.08
<b>Total</b>			<b>20.72</b>

- The User agency has submitted undertakings for Bare Minimum, CA, NPV, Addl. NPV and Tree Extraction Charges and certified that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- The User Agency has submitted that there will be no displacement of the people due to this project.
- The User Agency has submitted that the clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.
- The user agency has submitted the certificate under RoFR Act-2006, as required under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The user agency has submitted the authenticated DGPS surveyed map for the area proposed for diversion.

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

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 12.64 Ha. in Compt. No.230 of Venkatagiri Hill Reserve Forest and Venkatagiri Extn.II RF in Kurjagunta Neat and Althurupadu Beat of Venkatagiri Range of Nellore Division is linear in nature with inlet structure at Km.56.000 and Km.72.950/71.950.
- The Density of vegetation is ranging from 0.3 to 0.4 with scrub and thorny species.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that this area is not vulnerable to erosion.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed site for diversion is from boundary of one side and leave the RF boundaries in another side.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that flora viz., Luffa acutangula, Ziziphus caracutta, Ficus virens, Pongamia pinetta, Terminalia arjuna, Butea monosperma, Acacia nilotica, Ziziphus mauritiana, Strychnos nux-vomica etc., are found and Fauna viz., Wild boar, Sambar, Spotted Deer, Rabbit, Reptiles and Bird species are found in the proposed and stated that there are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed site.
- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 12.64 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archeological and Recreational importance including Wildlife Sanctuary, National Parks, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.,

- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that no violation is occurred as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Act, 1972 under the proposed project.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has stated that the User Agency has identified CA area in Chittoor District within the jurisdiction of Chittoor West Division for which the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has inspected the proposed area on 02.10.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

**The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:**

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 8.08 Ha. in Compt. No.172 & 196 of Venkatagiri RF & Inaguluru RF of Srikalahasti range has been notified U/s. 15 of A.P.Forest Act, 1967 vide G.O.Ms.No.788 & 936, F&A (For.III) Dept., Dt:20.04.1968 & 12.05.1970 respectively.
- The Density of Vegetation is 0.2 and falls in the category of Open Forest and Eco-Class-VI.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the tree species existing in the surrounding area are *Zizyphus glabrata* (Gotti), *Dodonaea viscosa* (Bandaru) *Cassia auriculata* (Thangedu) etc.,
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that there are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna in the proposed site.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that there will be no impact on the soil erosion in the proposed area.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed site is passing through and within the Reserve Forest boundary.
- The Divisional Forest Officer stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archeological and Recreational importance including Wildlife Sanctuary, National Parks, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.,
- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 8.08 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor has inspected the proposed area on 06.10.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor has stated that an extent of 21.213 Ha. of non-forest land identified in Sy.Nos.107 & 109/3 of Kaigallu (V) Baireddipalle (M) Chittoor District which area adjacent to Compt.Nos.246 & 247 of Thotakanuma RF of Chittoor West Division and prepared the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme with total financial outlay of Rs.122.250 Lakh by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division vide Rc.No.1533/2017/TO, Dt:16.07.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor has stated that violation has been occurred under the proposed project in Compt.No.172 of Venkatagiri RF and in Compt.No.196 of Inagalur RF of Mannavaram Beat from Chainages Km.73.00 to Km.74.10 & Km.75.40 to Km.76.14 involving forest area of 8.08 Ha. The violation took place during the incumbency period of Sri T. Kishore Babu, I/c. Executive Engineer, Telugu Ganga Project Division, Venkatagiri i.e., from 24.11.2014 to 25.12.2017 and at present Sri T. Kishore Babu is working as Executive Engineer, WSM Division, Visakhapatnam.

- The detailed violation report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor is enclosed at Page.141 to 143.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has not inspected the proposed area of 12.64 Ha. as the area is less than 40 Ha. **The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information given in Part-II by Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore and recommended in Part-III.**

Further, the Conservator of Forests, WLM Tirupati has inspected the proposed area of 8.08 Ha. on 26.10.2018 and stated that the violations has been noticed as per the report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor.

**The Conservator of Forests, WLM Tirupati has agreed with the information given in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division, Chittoor and recommended in Part-III.**

The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique No. FP/AP/IRRIG/15739/2015, Dt:01.09.2018 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed herewith.

Both, the Conservators of Forests, Guntur and WLM Tirupati along with the Divisional Forest Officers, Nellore and Chittoor East (WL) Divisions have recommended the proposal.

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

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above.

Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Iliyas Rizvi,  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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For Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

08/11/18

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8/11/18

Proposed for diversion of 20.72 ha. of forest land for ~~for~~ earth excavation of Sonmeta Swarnamukhi Link Canal (i.e., 12.614 ha. in Nallamla Division & 8.08 ha. in Chittoor East (WL) Division) in favor of IEE, SSELCA&SB Division No.2, Kothur.

#### PART-IV

(TO BE FILLED BY THE NODAL OFFICER OR PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS OR HEAD OF FOREST DEPARTMENT)

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of 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)	z	<i>Recommended</i>
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Date: 06-11-2018

Place: Guntur.

  
Signature  
Name Official Seal

Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi IFS,  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)  
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur

Proposed for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of Forest land for Earth Excavation ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> of Sornastla Surnamathla Gnd Canal (i.e 12.64 Ha in Nellore Division & 8.08 Ha in Chittoor East (WL) Division) in favor of EE, SSLCA & SB Division No. 3, Kotthuru.

#### **PART - IV**

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

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation 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).

Date : 06-11-2014  
Place: Guntur.

Recommended  
Signature.....  
Name .....  
Official seal .....

Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi IFS.  
PM: Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)  
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur