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To
The Principal Secretary to Govt. of A.P.
Environment, Forest Science & Technology Department,
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Hyderbad.

Sub:- Mines and Minerals-application of Sri T.S.Mallikarjuna Rao, for grant of quarry lease in Guntur District-3.61 ha.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government's letter No.1929/For.I/(1)/2003-1 dt. 20.3.03 and No.1929/For.I(1)2003-4 dt. 15.11.03 seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, for the above project. The stage I approval to the proposal was accorded by Central government vide letter of even number dt. 27.8.03.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Governments approval (Stage II) for diversion of 3.61 ha. of forest land in Bollapalli RF of Vinukonda Range, Guntur forest division, Guntur district for quarrying of slate stone in favour of Sri T.S.Mallikarjuna Rao for a period of 10 years subject to the following conditions:-

- i) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- iii) Demarcation of 3.61 ha. of forest land shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of user agency.
- iii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 3.61 ha. of non forestland at the cost of user agency.
- iv) The mutated forest land shall be declared as protected forest/RF within 6 months and the forest land shall be handed over to user agency after declaring it a notified forest under IFA.
- v) Afforestation over degraded forest land in lieu of safety zone area shall be done at the cost of user agency as per the guidelines issued under F(C) Act within one year.
- vi) The mining activities shall be carried out according to the approved mining plan.

- vii) No objection certificate shall be obtained from the APPCB under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining.
- viii) Forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of minerals and OB dumps only
- ix) No permanent building or labour sheds should be constructed in the lease area.
- The State government shall charge the net present value of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme court of India dt. 30.10.02 and 1.8.03 in IA no.566 in WP no.202/1995 as per guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter no. 5-1/1998-FC(Pt.II) dt. 18.9.03 and 22.9.03 in this regard.
- xi) Any other condition to be stipulated by State Govt/PCCF, AP in the interest of conservation of forest.
- 2.0.1 The transfer of the forest land to the user agency shall be effected only after compliance of condition nos (iv) and (x) above. The compliance of these conditions may also be intimated to this office.

Yours faithfully,

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Dy. CONSERVATOR OF FOREST (c)

Copy with compliments for necessary action to:-

1. Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Saifabad, Hyderabad

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer, O/O the PCCF, Forest department, Aranya Bhavan, Saifadabad, Hyderabad.

4. Sri T.S.Mallikarjuna Rao, S/o. Sambaiah, Lalupuram(V), Guntur rural (M), Guntur dist., Andhra Pradesh..

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