

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
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To  
The Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Forests, Science  
and Technology Department,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,  
Velagapudii.

**Rc.no.EFS02-15026/16/2019/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:08/04/2021.**

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in  
- Compartment no.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili  
Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of  
pump house by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries to draw sea water from Bay of  
Bengal to the DSR hatcheries - Submission of proposal under F(C) Act,  
1980 - Clearance under Section-2 of F(C)Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.

Ref: 1. online proposal no.FP/AP/Pipeline/44624/2020, Dt.18.02.2020  
- 2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Rc. no.EFS02-15026/16/2019- FCA SEC  
PCCF/FCA-1, dated: 26.02.2020.  
3. CF, Visakhapatnam Rc. no. 4123/2019/TO, dated: 23.03.2021.

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It is submitted that, M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, Visakhapatnam in the  
reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of  
0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt  
Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline  
and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR  
hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the reference  
3<sup>rd</sup> cited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land  
falling in Compartment no.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block,  
Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and  
construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR  
hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries and processed under Forest  
(Conservation ) Act, 1980.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 0.1511 ha. is required in Sy. no.251-3-A-1,2,3,252-3, Pentakota, Payakarao peta (M), Visakhapatnam for laying of PVC pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to Shrimp hatchery by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries
- **Area required for laying of PVC Pipeline =0.15 ha.**
- **Area required for construction of Pump House = 0.0011 ha.**
- **Total area required for this project = 0.15 ha. + 0.0011 ha. = 0.1511 ha.**
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹4.80 Crore.
- The user agency has justified that, there is no other alternative Private / Government land / route for laying water pipe line.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.1511 ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- Employment likely to be generated does not arise,
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

**The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Division has submitted the following information in Part-II.**

- Forest land to an extent of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in compartment no.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam division for laying of Pipeline and construction of Pump House by M/s DSR Biotech Hatcheries to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s DSR Biotech Hatcheries, East Goddhavari District.
- Legal Status of the forest is Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block.
- The density of vegetation is 0.1 to 0.4 (Eco-class-III) Beach Forest (Scrub).
- 50 no. of Casuarina trees are falling along the width of the underground pipeline proposed for diversion and the value of the trees is ₹970/-.
- No significant effect on erosion due to diversion of forest land for this project.
- The proposed area is falling in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Payakaraopeta Section of Yellamachili Range, Visakhapatnam Division.
- No rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished

The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 19.02.2021 and stated that the underground pipeline length is 500 m. and width is 3.00 m.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has **"Recommended"** the proposal subject to the following conditions in the interest of forest and wildlife conservation.

1. Display board at starting and ending point showing details of forest land involved in diversion and clearly mentioning the status of land as "Forest land"
2. All the material required for pipeline work shall be bought from outside and no material shall be collected from Reserve forest or reserve land.
3. All DGPS surveyed points shall be clearly demarcated on the field and proposed alignment shall be followed.
4. Underground pipeline have to be covered properly and it should not be visible from outside.
5. The effluents shall be discharged after proper treatment as per approval by the competent authority.
6. In any case treated effluents shall not be released into forest area.
7. Necessary safe guards to be there in case on any accident or spill over.

In part -III, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District in file no.REV-FSEOGNR/33/2020-DT(F)-VSKPCO, dated: 02.12.2020 has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006 on 08.01.2021, as stipulated by the MoEF, GoI, New Delhi in the Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format Annexure-I (Form-I) for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR) Act, 2006. The certificate is enclosed with the proposal.

Further, it is to submit that as per the guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)) & a unique proposal number no. **FP/AP/Pipeline/44624/2020** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam & Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Division have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries.

As per the **Chapter 2.6 of Comprehensive guidelines** issued by the Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, Compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 1.00 ha. However, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum number of 100 plants) shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying of pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries duly recommended in Part-IV subject to the conditions stipulated in Gol, MoEF&CC , New Delhi in F. no. 5-2/2017 (FC Division) Dt. 28.03.2019 is submitted herewith for taking further action as deemed fit in the matter

Encl:- (2) sets of proposals

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

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam for information.

Copy to the Mg. Partner, M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, D. no 6-142, Saipavan Enclave, Main Road, Malikipuram, East Godavari District for information and necessary action.

#### PART-IV

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:08/04/2021

Signature:

Place:

Name:N Prateep Kumar

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