

**Site Inspection Report & Specific Recommendation of Divisional Forest Officer,
Nandyal WL Division**

(For the forest land to be diverted under Forest Conservation Act, 1980)

Project Name: Diversion of forest land for construction of intake well & Raw water pumping main over an extent of 0.43 hectares in compartment No.354 & 355 of Sirvel Extension-II Reserve Forest, Nuthala North Beat, Rudravaram Range of Nandyal WL Division, Kurnool Circle, Nandyal District.

Date of receipt of proposal electronically: 19-05-2022

A proposal has been received by this office from Executive Engineer, Public Health, Kurnool / Nandyal for diversion (under Forest Conservation Act, 1980) of 0.43 ha. of forest land for non-forestry purpose. The project proposal as stated by user agency envisages the use of 0.43 ha. forest land for laying of water supply pipeline and construction of intake well from Gandleru Reservoir on Telugu Ganga Canal to Allagadda town to meet the demand of drinking water for Allagadda Municipality in Nandyal District of Andhra Pradesh. The pipeline passes through reserve forest area from chainage 0.00 km to 3.415 kms length from Gandleru Reservoir to Allagadda - Ahobilam road of Allagadda Mandal, Nandyal District.

I have inspected the site on 21-05-2022. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by user agency is a reserved forest area of 0.43 ha. The site lies in Sirivel Extension-II Reserve Forest in compartment No.354 & 355 of Nuthala North Beat in Nuthala Section of Rudravaram Range. Type of forest 5A/C3 Dry deciduous forest and density 0.5, the predominant species in the area including Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Narayepi (*Hardwickia binata*) Regu (*Ziziphus zizyphus*), Palvari (*Wrightia tinctoria*) Kondagogu (*Cochlospermum regiliosum*) etc., and also includes various species of bushes, herbs, shrubs.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project :: **YES**

Whether any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area, if so the details thereof

:: **Yes direct / indirect evidences of Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), Sloth bear (*Melursus ursinus*) etc., are found and recorded from the area. The forest is a part of tiger corridor connecting Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) in Nallamala hills with Sri Venkateswara National Park (SVNP) in Seshachalam hills. Hence, the biodiversity of the area is unique and rich. The movement of wild animals is regular in the area.**

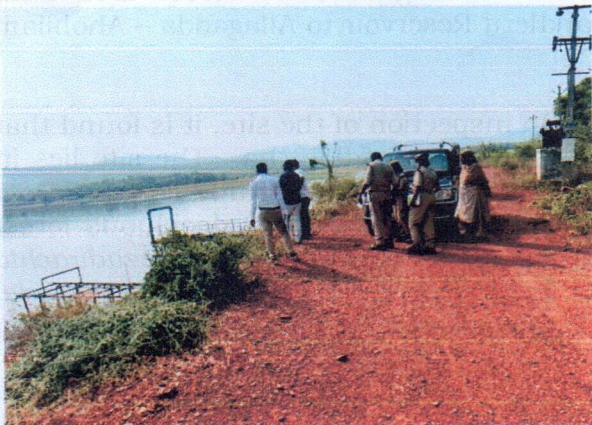
Whether any protected, archeological / heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area, if so, details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required :: **NO**

a) The user agency has not violated the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction :: **YES**

b) It has been found that user agency has violated the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, AP Forest Act, 1967 / Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. A detailed report as per para 1.9 of chapter-1, part-c of Hand book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is attached: :: **NO**

Specific Recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal:-

The project requires unavoidable and barest minimum land for laying pipeline from Gandleru Reservoir to Allagadda for drinking water supply. The impact of project on forest and wildlife will not be significant. Keeping in mind the public health utility the project proposal is **recommended**.



Name: Sri Vineet Kumar, I.F.S.,

Designation: Divisional Forest Officer

Signature:

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