

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From: Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Andhra Pradesh, "AranyaBhavan", K.M. Munshi Road, Guntur - 522 004.	To, The Prl. Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
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Sir,

Rc.No.EFS02-15021/4/2018//FCA SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dt: 11.11.2018

Sub: - FD - Forest (C) Act, 1980 - Proposals for diversion of 2.355 Ha. of forest and for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V) Palamaner (M) including diversion system in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner - Proposals in (4) sets submitted - Reg.

Ref: - 1. DFO, Chittoor (W) Rc.No. 1318/2017/TO, Dt.02.08.2017.
2. FP/AP/IRRIG/27719/2017, Dt. 3.08.2017.
3. AE, Irrigation Sub-div., Kuppam letter Dt.11.08.2017.
4. PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur Ref.No. 10303/2017/FCA-1. Dt.22.08.2017& 23.08.2017.
5. CF Ananthapuram Rc.No.1488/2017/TO, Dt:26.10.2018.

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It is to inform that the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner vide reference 3rd cited has submitted hard copies of proposal for diversion of 2.355 Ha. of forest and for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V) Palamaner (M) including diversion system.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West and Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram vide this office reference 4th cited for processing as per guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments thereon. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram vide reference 5th cited has submitted the proposal duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and amendment thereon for diversion of 2.355 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 diversion of 2.355 Ha. of forest and for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V) Palamaner (M) including diversion system in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner.
- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Water Resourced Department, Irrigation

Division, Palamer with the construction of "Formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalli (V) including diversion system in the Reserve Forest to supply drinking water to Palamaner Town, Chittoor District. During the joint inspection of the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Chittoor and Engineer-in-Chief have identified two sites nearby Palamaner Town to construct the reservoirs with a capacity of 100 Mcft. Hence, it is proposed to divert 2.355 Ha. of forest land towards formation of Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalli (V) Palamaner (M) in the interest of public. There is no other alternative line for the proposed project.

- The area required for the project is barest minimum and unavoidable for the purpose for which it is proposed.
- The User agency has submitted that, there will be an employment generation of about 2,80,000 Man Days.
- Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required is as follows.

Sl.No.	Purpose	Area (in Ha.)
1	Foreshore Submersion at Diversion structure	1.456
2	Diversion Channel (750M X 12M)	0.899
Total		2.355

- The User Agency has submitted that, there is no displacement of people due to this project.
- The User agency has submitted that the clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required for the project.
- The User Agency has submitted that, no court cases are pending on this project.
- The User agency has submitted undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in any of the degraded forest land, the user agency has given undertaking regarding NPV, additional NPV and tree extraction charges in the forest land proposed for diversion as and when the demand is raised by the Forest Department, if any.
- 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, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 2.355 Ha. is located in Compt.No.284 of Basivireddipalle Extn. 'B' RF in Doddipalle Beat of Palamaner Range of Chittoor West Division for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V) Palamaner (M) including diversion system in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner and notified under Section 16 of Madras Forest Act, 1882 vide Board Proceedings No.493, Dt: 05.07.1937.
- The vegetation density is less than 0.2.
- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 2.355 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that there will be no impact of soil erosion in and around the proposed area.

- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Archeological / Heritage site / defense and Defense Establishments and it is not overlapping any other existing and ongoing projects.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has certified that there are some tree species like Cassia fistula (Rela), Pongamia (Kanuga), Plectronia didyama (Nallabalasa), Pedda Ulinja, Syzygium cumini (Neredu), Albezzia amara (Chigara), Musti, Seema thangedu etc., in a natural forest which have attained measurable girth at breast height and the same are enumerated. There are no Timber species like Teak, Red sanders, Yegisa etc., and no fauna found in the proposed area.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that 428 No. of Trees are to be felled during the execution of this project. Statement showing tree enumeration list is annexed.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed project is located 300 Mts from the boundary of the Reserve Forest. But it is at a distance of 1.50 Kms from the boundary of KWLS and falls in notified Royala Elephant Reserve vide G.O.Ms.No.106, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., Dt: 09.12.2003.
- 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 has certified that the proposed project is not falling in the area allotted to the V.S.S.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West has inspected the proposed area on 23.05.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West has stated that non forest land to an extent of 2.50 Ha. adjoining to Thotakanuma RF of Palamner Range of Chittoor West Division and prepared Compensatory Afforestation Scheme with total financial outlay of Rs.26.55 Lakhs.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram has agreed with the information given in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West and recommended the proposals in Part-III.

The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique No. FP/AP/IRRIG/27719/2017, Dt. 3.08.2017 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed herewith.

Both, the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West and Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram 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 onward submission to Regional Office, Chennai, Government of India for according clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above.

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

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 for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

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Proposed for diversion of 2.355 Ha. of forest land for formation of Reservoir across Gargamma Srausu Vanka near Nalgayathi (v) Palamanu (M) including diversion System in P. P. EE, Irrigation PART-IV department, Palamanu.

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

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposals with remarks.	:	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-15deg);">Recommended</p>
	(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: 11-11-2018

Place: Guntur

Signature: 
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 Name & Designation: **Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests**
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