

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

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

Sir,

Rc.No.EFS02-15021/3/2018//FCA SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dt: 12.09.2018

Sub: - FD - Forest (C) Act, 1980 - SKD GNSS (sri Krishna DeverayaGaleruNagarSujalaSravanthi) Division No.7, Pulivendula - Phase-II - Package No.02/06 - Diversion of 101.24 Ha. of Forest Land in GanganapalliRF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS main canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 - Proposals in (4) sets submitted - Reg.

Ref: - 1. EE, SKD GNSS Division No.7, PulivendulaOnline Proposal No. FP/AP/IRRIG/34553/2018, Dt.26.07.2018.
2. PCCF's Ref.No. 15021 / 3 /2018 / FCA - SEC / PCCF / FCA-1, Dt.29.07.2018.
3. EE, SKD GNSS Division No.7, Pulivendula, Letter No. EE/GNSS/Div.7/PLVD/DB/AEE/Forest, Dt.31.07.2018.
4. PCCF's Ref.No. 15021 / 3 /2018 / FCA - SEC / PCCF / FCA-1, Dt.02.08.2018.
5. CF Kurnool. Rc.No.2735/2018-TO, Dt:07.09.2018.

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It is to inform that the Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS Division No.7, Pulivendula vide reference 3rd cited has submitted hard copies of proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of 101.24 Ha. in Ganganapalli RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS main canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 under GNSS Phase-II, Package No.02/06.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa and Conservator of Forests, Kurnool 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, Kurnool vide reference 5th cited has submitted the proposal duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and amendment thereon for diversion of 101.24 Ha of forest land as per the field inspection.

The details of proposal are as follows:-

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

- This proposal is for diversion of 101.24 Ha. of Forest Land in Ganganapalli RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 under Package No.02/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS Division No.7, Pulivendula. The UA has submitted this proposal under Linear category.

- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that the proposal is submitted for utilization of 101.24 Ha. of Forest land for the work of Earth work Excavation of GNSS Main canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 in Ganaganapalli RF of Kadapa Division and there is no alternative suitable area other than this site.
- The area required for the project is barest minimum area for the purpose for which it is proposed.
- The User agency has submitted that, there will be an employment generation of about 1000 Nos of Permanent employment and 100000 Nos of Temporary employment.
- Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required is as follows.

| Sl.No. | Purpose | Area (in Ha.) |
|--------------|---|------------------|
| 1 | Excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 under Package No.02/06 | 101.24 |
| Total | | 101.24 |

- The User agency has submitted that the clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not necessary for the 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, Kadapa Division, Kadapa has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 101.24 Ha. is located in Compt.No.571, 572, 573, 575 ofGanganapalliRF, Gorlapalli Beat of Vempalli Range of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 under Package-02/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS Division No.7, Pulivendula and notified under Section 16 of Madras Forest Act (V of 1882) Notification Nos.34, Dt:09.01.1907.
- The vegetation density is between 0.2 to 0.5
- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 101.24 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has statedmost of the forests have hilly and hence no such vulnerability to the erosion.
- The Divisional Forest Officer stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Archeological and Defense Establishments importance including wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that Redsanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) found in the proposed area and also found fauna like Hare, Wildboar etc.,
- The Divisional Forest Officer has inspected the proposed area on 03.08.2018.

- 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 stated that non forest area identified in Proddatur Division of Kurnool Circle and prepared Compensatory Afforestation Scheme with total financial outlay of Rs.1063 Lakhs.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has also inspected the proposed site on 03.08.2018 and following observation were made.

- There are flora species of Grewia tiliifolia, Randia dumetorum, Carissa spinarum, Hardwickia Binata, Dolichandrone crispa, Acacia nilotica, Albizzia amara, Acacia leucopholos, Pterocarpus santalinus, Bellis perennis, Ziziphus mauritiana, Limonia acidissima, Casearia graveolens, Azadirachta Indica etc.,
- The fauna noticed indirectly are Sloth bear - Melursus ursinus, Spotted Deer-Axis axis, Grey Jungle Fowl-Gallus sonneratii, Sambar-Rusa unicolor, Jungle Cat-Felis chaus, Chowsingha-Tetracerus quadricornis, Wild Boar-Sus scrofa etc.,
- The Crown Density is between 0.3 to 0.5.
- The Topographical area is plain and hilly.
- The Soil is red soil.
- The proposed forest area of 101.24 Ha. in Ganganapalli RF of Vempalli Range does not falls in Wildlife Sanctuary area, National Parks, Bio-sphere reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc., further, there are no protected archeological / heritage site / Defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

Hence, keeping in view of the above observations and the information given in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has recommended the proposals in Part-III.

The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique No. FP/AP/IRRIG/34553/2018, Dt.26.07.2018 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed herewith.

Both, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa and Conservator of Forests, Kurnool 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.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Iliyas 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 101.24 Ha of forest land in Ganganpalli RF of Venpalli Range, Kadapa District for excavation of GNSS main canal from km 87.400 to km 94.800 under Phase-II Package (02/06).

PART- IV

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

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| 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). | <i>Recommended</i> |
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