

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh,
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To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to the
Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Amaravati - 522 503.

Ref. no. EFS02-15029/16/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 11.03.2022.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposals for grant of 2nd renewal of quarry lease over an extent of 4.050 ha of forest land in Compartment no.594/P & 596/P of Muchukota RF, Peddapappur Mandal, Ananthapuramu District for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite in favour of M/s. Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy) - Proposal submitted - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Director of Mines & Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District in Lr.no.1584/D11-ATP/2021, dt. 18.03.2021.
2. Unique Proposal no. FP/AP/QRY/147570/2021, dt.22.10.2021.
3. CCF, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu, Rc.no.405/2021/TO, dt.25.01.2022.
4. CCF, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu, Rc.no.44465/2021/TO, dt.28.01.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam in the reference 1st cited, has forwarded the statutory proforma proposal for grant of 2nd renewal of quarry lease over an extent of 4.050 ha. of forest land in Compartment no. 594/P & 596/P of Muchukota RF, Peddapappur Mandal, Ananthapuramu District for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite in favour of M/s. Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy) and requested to process and accord forest clearance for the project.

As per the information furnished by the Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, the mineral reserves, excavated mineral as per pit measurement and available reserves are as follows:

I. Mineral reserves for the life of mine as per the mining plan approved by the Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool in Lr.no.1206/MS-TDP/2016, dt. 27.06.2019:

High Grade Steatite in Ton	Dolomite in Ton	Low Grade Steatite (Filler Grade in Ton)
7702020	96756	481377

II. Excavated mineral as per the pit measurement:

High Grade Steatite in Ton	Dolomite in Ton	Low Grade Steatite (Filler Grade in Ton)
39532	4940	2470

III. Remaining mineral reserves available at the mine site:

High Grade Steatite in MT	Dolomite in MT	Low Grade Steatite (Filler Grade MT)
7662488 (77020020-39,532)	91813 (96753-91813)	478907 (481377-2470).

Hence, in view of the availability of mineral reserves in the mine site, the DMG, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada has forwarded the renewal proposals of Proprietor, M/s. Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy) for further process under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Brief history of the proposal from inception onwards is as follows:-

Initially, GoI in F.no.F(C)A/11.2/84/AP/MIN/264, dt. 10.05.2002 and GoAP in G.O. no. 57, EFS&T (For.I) dept., dated 29.05.2002 have granted Stage-II approval for diversion of 4.05 ha of forest land in Mutchukota RF, Ananthapuram District for mining lease for Steatite and Dolomite in favour of Sri Peram Nagireddy, M/s. Sri Sai Minerals for a period of (10) years, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein. **(The lease period is valid from 29.05.2002 to 28.05.2012)**

The Government in G.O.Ms.no.245, I&C (M.III) Dept., dated 23.08.2003 has granted mining lease to the user agency for period of **(20) years** with a condition that the User agency shall submit forest clearance for further period of (10) years after expiry of 10 years period for which forest clearance is accorded. **The lease period is valid from 23.08.2003 to 22.08.2023**). Accordingly, the Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipatri has executed lease deed with M/s Sri Sai Minerals in his proceeding no.852/M2/2003, dt. 12.09.2003.

Later, the GoI, MoE&F, R.O (SZ) in F.no.4-APB881/2021-BAN/2918, dt. 15.02.2013 and GoAP G.O.Ms.no.20, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dt.01.03.2013 have accorded Stage-II approval for **renewal of mining lease** for diversion of 4.05 ha of forest land in Mutchukota RF, Ananthapuram District for mining lease for Steatite and Dolomite in favour of Sri Peram Nagireddy, M/s. Sri Sai Minerals for a period of (10) years **with effect from 10.06.2012**, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein. **The lease period will be expired on 09.06.2022.**

Subsequently, in the reference 2nd cited, the Proprietary, M/s. Sri Sai Minerals, Tadipatri, Ananthapuramu has initiated a proposal (No.FP/AP/QR/147570/2021, dt.22.10.2021) in Form-B in the GoI, MoEF&CC web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) for 2nd renewal of quarry lease over an extent of 4.050 ha of forest land in Compartment no. 594/P & 596/P of Muchukota RF, Ananthapuramu Division for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite in favour of the Proprietor, M/s. Sri Sai Minerals, Tadipatri, Ananthapuramu.

The proposal was examined and forwarded to the DFO, Ananthapuramu on 08.11.2021 to processed the proposal as per the procedure and time line stipulated in Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and guidelines issued from time to time by the Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division) New Delhi under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The CCF, Ananthapuramu in the reference 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details of the renewal proposal is as follows;

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

- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that the mineral deposit in quarry lease area is of high quality. There is lot of demand for High Grade Steatite which is not available sufficiently outside the forest area. The high grade Steatite available here has its applications in paper, paints, plastic, detergents, rubber, pharmaceuticals and ceramics etc., and it has high demand in the present industry.
- Cost of the project Rs.100.00 lakh.
- The user Agency has furnished the DGPS authenticated maps for the area proposed for diversion for 1st renewal of quarry lease.

Statement showing the details of forest area involved:

Sl.no.	Purpose	Area in ha
1	Mining area	3.38
2	Safety zone area	0.67
	Total:	4.05

- The safety zone is taken inside the mining area as per the existing guidelines.
- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- The User Agency has submitted that the employment likely to be generated due to this project is 15 number of persons (Permanent) and 2000 number of person-days (Temporary)
- The user agency has indicated the safety zone area for the proposed mining in the authenticated DGPS map.

- The User Agency has submitted undertakings for payment of N.P.V and addl.NPV and also to bear the costs for developing the green belt around the cluster of mining leases in Mutchukota RF as and when demanded by the Forest Department.
- **Mining plan approved by Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool in Lr.no.1206/MS-TDP/2019, dt.27.06.2019 for the working period from 2019-20 to 2022-23.**
- **The user agency has also given an undertaking stating that they will take reclamation work in the mining lease area after exhausting the mineral in the lease period and before handing over the land to Forest Department.**
- RoFR certificate in Form-III issued by the District Collector, Ananthapuramu District.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu has furnished the following information in part-II:

- Site inspection was conducted on 11.01.2022.
- Area of the forest land proposed 2nd renewal of quarry lease 4.05 ha. Underground mining is proposed in the already broken up pits. **Out of 4.05 ha of forest land an area of 0.797 ha was broken up and the remaining area of about 3.253 ha is unbroken up area.**
- Mutchukota RF is notified U/s 16 of Madras Forest Act, dt. 20.08.1895.
- Density of vegetation is 0.10 to 0.20 (Eco-class-3).
- 318 nos. trees are to be felled in the proposed diversion area. The Statement showing the abstract on Enumeration of Trees is enclosed.
- The flora existing in the proposed area are *Azadirachta idica* (Neem), *Hardwickia bainat* (Narepi), *Gewia rotundifolia* (Jana), *Pongamia Pinneta* (Kanuga), *Morinda tomentosa* (Bandapaki), *Ficus religiosa* (Raavi), *Peltophorum pterocarpum*, *Sterculia urens* (Tapasi) and *Termialia arjuna* (Maddi).
- The proposed area prone to soil erosion.
- The proposed mining area is approximately at distance of 1 km from the RF boundary.
- The proposed area for diversion does not fall under National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and elephant corridor etc.,
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed diversion area.
- There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land required for diversion is the barest minimum.
- No violations were taken place in the proposed area by the user agency.
- **The user agency has taken up underground mining in 13 pits in the mining area. Out of 4.05 ha of forest land an area of 0.797 ha was broken up and the remaining area of about 3.253 ha is unbroken up area.**
- The user agency has taken up soil-moisture conservation (SMC) works like continuous contour trenches, Mini Percolation Tanks and construction of Rock Fill dams in the mining lease area to conserve soil and moisture. The user agency has taken up plantation on overburden dumps.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu have recommended the proposal in part-II & III respectively.

Further, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu in the reference 4th cited, has submitted Stage-II compliance report for the proposal for renewal of quarry lease over an extent of 4.050 ha of forest land in Compartment no.594/P& 596/P of Muchukota RF, Peddapappur Mandal, Ananthapuramu District for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite in favour of M/s. Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy) for which GoI, MoE&F, F.no.4-APB881/2012-BAN/2918, dt. 15.02.2013 and Government in G.O.Ms.no.20, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dt.01.03.2013. The Stage-II compliance report is as follows.

Sl.no.	Condition stipulated in the Stage-II approval	Compliance submitted
1	The legal status of the Forest Land shall remain unchanged.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the legal status of the diverted forest land will remain unchanged.

2	Duly numbered cement concrete boundary pillars shall be maintained at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the user agency demarcated the diverted forest area by erecting cement concrete pillars at an interval of 20 m.
3	The State Government shall maintain area up to 7.5 meters as safety zone all along the boundary outside the leased area, as per the guidelines issued under FC Act, 1980. The fencing of safety zone area shall be carried out and it will be regenerated at the cost of user agency.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the user agency has demarcated 7.5 m as safety zone all along the boundary of the leased area. The user agency has already deposited an amount of Rs. 90,000/- through DD Nos. 203077 and 203078, dated 25-02-2002 towards the cost of fencing of safety zone area and enrichment of plantation in the safety zone area.
4	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the state Government from User Agency and deposited in the Ad-hoc CAMPA account.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the user agency furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition. (Copy enclosed)
5	The mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by IBM and in strict compliance of all relevant acts and rules.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the User Agency is carrying out mining operations in accordance with the mining plans approved by concerned department.
6	Soil conservation measures shall be taken up at the cost of user agency.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that that the User Agency has taken up soil and moisture conservation (SMC) works like continuous contour trenches, mini percolation tank, and rock fill dams in the mining lease area to conserve soil and moisture.
7	Proper reclamation work shall be taken up as approved by the DFO, and its execution shall be monitored by the DFO.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the User Agency stated that they are carrying out underground mining operations in 13 pits and the minerals are not exhausted in any of the pits. They also stated that the reclamation work will commence after exhausting of the minerals in the pits. The User Agency submitted an undertaking regarding reclamation of the mining area after exhaustion of mineral in the lease area. (Copy enclosed)
8.	The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed annually.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the User Agency has submitted the consent order for operation of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) under Air and Water Act issued by APPCB, Kurnool vide order No. ATP-52/APPCB/ZO-KNL/CFO/2017-565 dated 23.08.2017 and it will be valid up to 30-09-2022 (copy enclosed).

9.	No permanent buildings or sheds should be constructed in the leased area.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the user agency has not constructed any permanent buildings or sheds in the leased area.
10.	A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the conditions imposed by the Central Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh are being monitored at the time of inspection of mining lease area. There is no impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna. No violation was carried out by the user agency.
11.	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.05 Ha.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that, the User Agency stated that the total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 4.05 ha.
	Any other conditions that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience shall also be applicable.	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has submitted that the User Agency furnished an undertaking stating to comply with any other condition imposed by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Central), Regional Office from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area. (copy enclosed)

The statutory proforma proposal for grant of 2nd renewal of quarry lease over an extent of 4.050 ha of forest land in Compartment no.594/P& 596/P of Muchukota RF, Peddapappur Mandal, Ananthapuramu District for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite in favour of M/s. Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy) is submitted herewith in (4) sets along with Stage-II compliance report is submitted herewith.

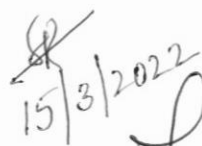
The Government are requested to consider the renewal proposal and forward the same to the Government, for taking necessary action under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above.

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

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 Asst. Conservator of Forests (LAW)


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proposal for grant of 2nd renewal of quarry lease over 283
an extent of 4.050 ha of forest land on compl. nos. 594/P & 596/P of
Mutchelty RF, Anantapur division on f/o M/s. Sri Sai Minerals.

PART-IV

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

17.	<u>Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks</u> (While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Dy. Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).	:	<p>Recommended.</p>
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Date: 11-03-2022.

Place: Guntur

Signature:
Name:

Office seal:

N. Prateep Kumar, IFS.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur

**Government of Andhra Pradesh
Forest Department**

From
Sri P.S. Srinivasa Sastry . I.F.S..
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ananthapuramu Circle,
Anantapuramu

To
✓ The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh
Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road
Nagarapalam, Guntur. 522004

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31/11/2022
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Re. No. 405/2021/TO, dated 25.01.2022

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposals for 2nd Renewal of quarry lease for extraction of Dolomite and Steatite over an extent of 4.05 ha of forest land in Compt. No. 594/P & 596/P of Mutchukota RF of Gooty Range of Ananthapuramu Division in favour of M/s Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor : Sri Peram Nagi Reddy), Tadipatri - Processed proposals submission off – Reg.

- Ref:-
- 1) Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur Ref. no. EFS02-15029/16/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 01.11.2021 (Online Proposal No. FP/QR/147570/2021)
 - 2) Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu Rc. No. 405/2021/TO, dated 11.11.2021.
 - 3) District Forest Officer, Anantapuramu Rc. No. 889/2021/TO, dated: 20.01.2022

Adverting to the reference 1st cited, it is submitted that, as per instructions by the Prl Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh Guntur, the User Agency i.e., M/s Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy), Tadipatri has submitted the proposals for grant of 2nd Renewal quarry lease for diversion of 4.05 ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 594/P and 596/P of Mutchukota RF of Gooty Range for extraction of Dolomite and Steatite to this office. The same were communicated to the District Forest Officer, Anantapuramu in the reference 2nd cited duly instructing to process the proposals as per guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and submit processed proposals for grant of 2nd Renewal quarry lease for diversion of 4.05 ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 594/P and 596/P of Mutchukota RF of Gooty Range for extraction of Dolomite and Steatite in favour of M/s Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy), Tadipatri.

Accordingly, the District Forest Officer, Anantapuramu in the reference 2nd cited has submitted report along with processed proposals stating that, the Forest Range Officer, Gooty was requested to inspect the proposed area and resubmit the processed proposals along with the required documents and certificates. The Forest Range Officer, Gooty has reported that he has inspected the area applied for 2nd Renewal of quarry lease in Mutchukota RF on 01.12.2021 and submitted the proposals along with required documents and certificates.

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Further, the District Forest Officer, Anantapuramu has submitted that the Government of India, MoEF, Bangalore in their Lr.No.4-APB881/2012-BAN/2918, dated 15.02.2013 and Government of Andhra Pradesh in their G.O. Ms. No. 20, EFS & T (For-I) Department dated 01.03.2013 have accorded final (Stage-II) approval for renewal of mining lease for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite, for a period of 10 years w.e.f. 10.06.2012. The lease period will be expired by 09.06.2022. The user agency has taken up underground mining in 13 pits in the mining area and the same is being carried out in these pits. The reclamation work will be taken up by the user agency as and when the minerals in the pits are exhausted.

Now the User Agency has submitted the proposals for grant of 2nd Renewal of quarry lease for the entire area of 4.05 ha (Including Safety Zone area of 0.67 ha within the mining area) for extraction of Dolomite and Steatite in Mutchukota RF.

Further, the DFO has submitted that, he has also inspected the area on 11.01.2022 and Site Inspection Notes to that effect was incorporated at Page No. 279 of the 2nd renewal proposals. It is found that no protected Archeological / Heritage site / Defense establishment or any other important monuments are also not located in the area. The proposed diversion of 4.05 ha is not falling in National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary or within the eco-sensitive zone.

Further, the DFO, has submitted that, necessary documents, undertaking, certificates were obtained from the User agency and the same were incorporated at appropriate places in the renewal proposals. No Compensatory Afforestation land is required for this project, as it is a 2nd renewal proposal. Since the Net Present Value (NPV) amount of Rs. 25.237 lakh was realized earlier, the NPV amount may not be required.

In view of the above, the proposals in "5" sets along with the annexures, certificates, surveyed sketches and location maps and Part-II & Part -III filled are submitted herewith for favour of information.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

P. S. S. 25/01/2022
Chief Conservator of Forests
Ananthapuramu Circle
Anantapuramu

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Anantapuramu for information and necessary action.

**Government of Andhra Pradesh
Forest Department**

From
Sri Sandeep Krupakar Gundala., I.F.S.,
District Forest Officer,
Ananthapuramu

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ananthapuramu Circle,
Ananthapuramu



Rc. No. 889/2021/TO, Dt. 20.01.2022

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 - 2) Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu Rc. No. 405/2021/TO, dated 11.11.2021.
 - 3) Forest Range Officer, Gooty Rc. No. Sri Sai Minerals/2021/Gty, dated 09.12.2021.

I submit that the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur in the reference 1st cited has requested the User Agency i.e., M/s Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor : Sri Peram Nagi Reddy), Tadipatri to submit the hard copies of proposals to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu for taking necessary further action in the matter.

Accordingly, the User Agency i.e., M/s Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy), Tadipatri has submitted the proposals for grant of 2nd Renewal quarry lease for diversion of 4.05 ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 594/P and 596/P of Mutchukota RF of Gooty Range for extraction of Dolomite and Steatite to the Chief Conservator Forests, Ananthapuramu.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu in the reference 2nd cited has forwarded the renewal proposals to the DFO, Ananthapuramu for processing the proposals as per guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

On receipt of the proposals, the Forest Range Officer, Gooty was requested to inspect the proposed area and resubmit the processed proposals along with the required documents and certificates. The Forest Range Officer, Gooty in the reference 3rd cited has reported that he has inspected the area applied for 2nd Renewal of quarry lease in Mutchukota RF on 01.12.2021 and submitted the proposals along with required documents and certificates.

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Necessary documents, undertaking, certificates were obtained from the User agency and the same were incorporated at appropriate places in the renewal proposals. Further it is submitted that no Compensatory Afforestation land is required for this project, as it is a 2nd renewal proposal. Since the Net Present Value (NPV) amount of Rs. 25.237 lakh was realized earlier, the NPV amount may not be required.

In view of the above, proposals in "6" sets along with the annexures, certificates, surveyed sketches and location maps duly filling the information in Part-II are submitted herewith for taking further action in the matter.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl. - As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Sandeep Krupakar Gundala,
District Forest Officer,
Ananthapuramu.

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S. S. Nandana
Superintendent 20/1/22

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