

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From To,
Dr. Mohd. Iliyas Rizvi, The Spl. Chief Secretary to the
IFS., Govt.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Environment, Forest, Science &
Forests, Technology Department,
(Head of Forest Force) Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
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Ref. No. EFS02-15029/33/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-2,
Dated: 27/08/2019

Sir,

Sub APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 4.49 Ha. forest land in comp.No.127 of Kondaveedu RF, Ameenabad Beat, Guntur Range & Division for extraction of Road metal and gravel in favour of Sri Dara Appa Rao, R/o.Yadavolu (V), Devarapalli (M) W.G.District - Proposals submission off - Reg.

Ref: 1. Director of Mines & Geology, Vijayawada
Lr.No.9082/R3-3/2015, Dt.13.05.2016.
2. Online Unique Proposal No. FP/AP/QRY/37853/2018,
Dt.24.12.2018.
3. PCCF (HoFF) A.P., Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-
15029/33/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-2, Dt.16.01.2019.
4. Hard copy proposals submitted by Sri Dara Appa
Rao, R/o.Yadavolu (V) Devarapalli (M), W.G.District
dated Nil (Received on 21-01-2019)
5. PCCF (HoFF) A.P., Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-
15029/33/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-2, Dt.17.02.2019.
6. CF, Guntur Rc.No.2115/2016-TO, Dt.22.07.2019.



It is submitted that the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada, vide reference 1st cited, has forwarded the application of Sri Dara Appa Rao Mg. Partner, M/s. Dara Minerals for diversion of forest land over an extent of 4.60 Ha. of forest land falling in Compt. No.127 of Kondaveedu RF, Ameenabad Beat, Perecherla (V), Medikonduru Mandal, Guntur District for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal and Gravel.

While forwarding the application, the DMG, Vijayawada has furnished the following information:

- The proposed area is situated about 2 Kms. South of Perecherla (V), Medikonduru (M) of Guntur District and it can be located by cart track from Perecherla Road about 1 1/2 KM distance and taking left diversion at crushing unit held by M/s. Jagadamba Stone Crusher at Perecherla - Narasaraopet road.
- This type of material is not available outside of Reserve Forest. The rock type encountered in Kondaveedu RF area is charnockites with mafic colour hard and compact in nature. There are no areas in the vicinity of Perecherla Zone for grant of leases for excavation of road metal. The available rock is unique in homogeneity, colour and hardness.
- The applied area is a hillock with an elevation of about 18 to 24 Mts. from ground level / falls on South-West slopes of the hillock.
- The applied area is comprising of charnockites belonging to Archean group of rocks. The charnockites available in the area is grey in colour, hard and compact in nature medium grained texture. The charnockites available in the area may not be useful for cutting and polishing due to numerous cracks and joints and it may be useful for railway ballast, road metal, crusher feeding in turn will be useful for building constructions and other civil constructions.
- Other information furnished by the DMG, Vijayawada may be perused in the inspection report furnished vide reference 1st cited (Copy enclosed).
- With the above information, the DMG, Vijayawada has recommended for diversion of forest land over an extent of

4.60 Ha. in Block No.127, Kondaveedu RF, Ameenabad Beat, Guntur Range, Guntur District for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal and Gravel in favour of Sri Dara Appa Rao, Mg. Partner, M.s, Dara Minerals.

Subsequently, vide reference 2nd cited, Sri Dara Appa Rao, Mg. Partners, Dara Minerals, has uploaded proposals in ministry's website for diversion of 4.49 Ha. forest land in comp.No.127 of Kondaveedu RF, Ameenabad Beat, Guntur Range & Division for extraction of Road metal and gravel in favour of Sri Dara Appa Rao, R/o.Yadavolu (V), Devarapalli (M) W.G.District. The proposal is registered with unique No. FP/AP/QRY/37853/2018, Dt.24.12.2018.

Accordingly, the proposals were forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur vide reference 4th cited for processing as per the guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 through the Conservator of Forests, Guntur. Subsequently, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur, vide reference 5th cited, has submitted the proposals duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, which are as detailed below.

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

- The proposal is for diversion of 4.49 Ha. of forest land in Compt. No. 127 of Kondaveedu RF of Ameenabad Beat, Perecherla (V), Medikondur (M), Guntur for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal & Gravel in f/o. Sri Dara Appa Rao, Mg. Partners, Dara Minerals.
- For locating the project in forest area, the User Agency has justified that the proposal is submitted for conducting Quarrying operations for Road Metal Over an extent of 4.49 ha. in Compt.No.127 of Kondaveedu RF of Ammenabad Beat, Perecherla (V), Medikonduru (M), Guntur District. This particular variety of Road Metal is uniquely available in the applied forest area and not available in anywhere outside.
- The user Agency has furnished the DGPS authenticated maps for the area proposed for diversion and CA land.
- Statement showing the details of forest area involved:

Sl. No.	Purpose	Area in hac.
1	Mining area	3.64
2	Safety zone area	0.82
3	Approach road area	0.03
	Total area	4.49

- The User Agency has submitted that the environment costs are minimum vis-à-vis the economic benefits the project derives to the local population to the state and country.
- The User Agency has submitted the certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as required under F (C) Act, 1980 and also obtained no objection certificate from local bodies, like Gram Sabha etc.
- The user agency has indicated the safety zone area for the proposed mining in the authenticated DGPS map. May be perused at Page No. 33 of the booklet. However, not furnished the details ascertained from competent authority viz., Indian Bureau of Mines/ Department of Geology & Mining of State Government.
- The User Agency has submitted undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in identified CA land, payment of N.P.V., additional N.P.V., cost of fencing and regeneration of safety zone area cost of afforestation over one and half time of the safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere, as and when the demand is raised by the Forest Department, if any.
- The user agency has identified non forest land for compensatory afforestation over an extent of 5.15 Ha. in Allinagaram (V), Komarole (M), Giddalur Range, Giddalur Division, Prakasham District.
- The User Agency has submitted that the employment likely to be generated due to this project is 20 number of persons (Permanent) and 100 number of person-days (Temporary).
- The User Agency has certified that there is no violation occurred under provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- Details of DGPS equipment used and agency / person involved in the survey are not provided.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has furnished the information in part-II as follows:

- The Divisional Forest Officer has submitted an abstract on Enumeration of Tree growth and mentioned 248 nos. of trees are to be felled in the proposed area.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has inspected the forest area involved in the project proposal on 17.04.2019. Site Inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer along with photographs is enclosed.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has stated that the Flora (Grewia tiliifolia, Prosopis juliflora, Brassica oleracea var. sabellica, Dichrostachys cinerea, Azadirachta indica and Fauna (Wild Boar & Hare) are available in the Reserve Forest and certified that there is no impact on the flora & fauna in the adjoining forests due to this proposal.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the alignment is gentle gradient and hence certified that there is no impact on the ecology, especially on soil erosion in and around the proposed area due to this project.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has certified that there are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in and around the proposed area and hence stated that it is not necessary to take up mitigative measures to prevent loss of flora, fauna & soil erosion.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has stated that non-forest area identified over an extent of 5.15 Ha. in Sy.Nos. 1018, 1019, 1020 & 1022 of Allinagaram Village of Komarole Mandal. Prakasham District in lieu of diversion of 4.49 Ha. forest land in comp.No.127 of Kondaveedu RF, Ameenabad Beat, Guntur Range & Division for extraction of Road metal and gravel in favour of Sri Dara Appa Rao, R/o.Yadavolu (V), Devarapalli (M) W.G.District.
- The Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur to an extent of 5.15 Ha. with total financial outlay of Rs.79.00 lakhs for the period from 2020-21 to 2031-32.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur has certified that the identified non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation to an extent of 5.15 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.1018, 1019, 1020 & 1022 of Alinagaram (V), Kommarole (M) of Prakasham District is suitable for raising plantations.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has furnished the following

statement showing the calculation of Net Present Value in the proposed area for diversion.

Sl.No.	Eco-Value	Class	Total area proposed (Ha.)	Net Present Value (Rate/Ha) (in Lakhs)	Total cost of NPV (in Lakhs)
1	Eco-Class-IV	Class-IV (Consisting of Tropical Thorn Forests and Tropical Dry evergreen forest)	4.49	4.38/Ha	19.666

- The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has certified that the User Agency has not carried out any work in the proposed area and not violated the provisions of the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 & Wildlife Act, 1972.
- Area proposed by the User Agency for diversion of 4.49 Ha. forest land in comp.No.127 of Kondaveedu RF, Ameenabad Beat, Guntur Range & Division for extraction of Road metal and gravel in favour of Sri Dara Appa Rao, R/o.Yadavolu (V), Devarapalli (M) W.G.District has been notified under Section 16 of madras Forest Act (ACT V), 1882 Dt.01.02.1895 vide Notification No.Fort. St. George, Dt.23.10.1984.
- The density of vegetation is 0.10 to 0.20.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has certified that area proposed for diversion does not forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Corridor, Elephant Corridor etc., and also does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archaeological and Recreational importance inclusive of Wildlife Sanctuary and National park.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has stated that the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is not unavoidable and bearest minimum for the project.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has recommended the proposal in part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has not inspected the proposed area for diversion, as the area proposed for diversion is less than 40 ha.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information given in part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur and recommended the proposal in part-III.

The proposal has been uploaded in Ministry's website and unique no. FP/AP/QRY/37853/2018, Dt.24.12.2018 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed.

Both, the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur and Conservator of Forests, Guntur have recommended the proposal. However, it is submitted that, the proposed quarry lease is adjacent to newly proposed quarry lease of Sri Kunam Brahmananda Reddy over a forest area of 4.78 Ha and existing quarry lease of Sri N.Sivaram Prasad over forest area of 1.75 Ha. Further, all these three cluster quarry leases have indicated individual approach roads. In this connection, it is submitted that, since, approach road for existing quarry lease was already permitted, the newly proposed two quarry leases can make use of the permitted existing approach road duly forming the connectivity from their proposed quarry leases to existing road, instead of proposing individual roads.

In view of the above, the proposals for sanction of quarry lease for Road Metal & Gravel over an extent of 4.49 Ha. of forest land in Compt. No. 127 of Kondaveedu RF of Ameenabad Beat, Perecheral (V), Medikondur (M), Guntur in f/o. Sri Dara Appa Rao, R/o.Yadavolu (V), Devarapalli (M) W.G.District, in (4) sets along with required information and maps are submitted herewith duly recommended the proposals in part-IV, for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,
MOHD ILIYAS

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force)

Signature Not Verified.

Digitally signed by Mohd Ilyas
Rizvi
Date: 2019.08.27 18:46:43 IST
Reason: Approved



Proposed for diversion of 4.49 Ha. of FL in Compt. No. 127, Kondaveedu RF for extraction of road metal and building stone in f/o. Sd. Dava Apprao.

PART - IV

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

1	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of other wise of the proposal with remarks.	:	Recommended
2	(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:

Place: Guntur

Signature

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