

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forest, Science & Technology
Department,
Telangana State,
Hyderabad.

Rc.No. 19184/2019/FCA-3/PS, Dt.09.07.2020.

Sir,

Sub: TSFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.0995 Ha of forest land in Medchal division for Establishment of APCO 25 tower for Phase II Network in Greater Hyderabad Police Commissionerates in Lalgaadimalakpet RF, Medchal District in favour of Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate - **Processed Proposal - Submitted** -Regarding.

Ref: 1. Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, Telangana State, Lr.Nil.Dt.20.12.2019.
2. PCCF's Rc.No.19184/2019/FCA-3/PS, Dt.28.01.2020.
3. Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, Telangana State, C.No. 12/TECH/APCO-25/2019-20, Dt.08.02.2020.
4. PCCF's Rc.No.19184/2019/FCA-3/PS(i), Dt.04.03.2020.
5. APCCF/CF, Hyderabad Circle Rc.No.735/2020/M3, Dt.16.06.2020.

Vide reference 3rd cited, the Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, Telangana State (the user agency) submitted proposals in Form-A, for diversion of 0.0995 Ha. Forest land falling in Lalgaadimalakpet RF of Medchal Division for Establishment of APCO 25 tower for Phase II Network in Greater Hyderabad Police Commissionerates in Medchal District in favour of Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, which has been forwarded, in ref 4th cited, to the District Forest Officer, Medchal and Addl.Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests/CF, Hyderabad for processing under F©Act,1980, F©Rules,2003/2014, the guidelines and amendments issued therein.

Accordingly, vide ref 5th cited, the Addl.Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests/CF, Hyderabad has submitted the processed proposals duly recommending the project in Part-II by the District Forest Officer, Medchal and Part-III by the Addl.Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests/CF, Hyderabad, along with inspection notes & other necessary documents.

The details of proposal are as follows:

I. The user agency furnished the following information in Part I:

- The User Agency has proposed for Establishment of APCO 25 tower for Phase II Network in Greater Hyderabad Police Commissionerates in Medchal District to an extent of 0.0995 Ha.
- The total forest area required is arrived for 0.0995 Ha in Lalgaadimalakpet RF as per survey and mapping.
- Map showing the required forest land, adjoining forest on 1:50,000 scale map with geo-coordinates recorded by using ETS & DGPS/DGNSS survey for forest land proposed is enclosed.
- The cost of the project estimated as Rs.1.00 Crore approximately.
- 1000 Man days are generated for employment for the Construction of APCO 25 Tower.
- The cost-benefit analysis is **not applicable** to this Project.

- The Project does not involve displacement of people.
- The user agency has stated that clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required for the project.
- The User agency furnished certificate stating that the proposed forest area for diversion is barest minimum and essentially required for the proposed project.
- The User agency has furnished following undertakings:
 - to pay the cost of Net Present Value (NPV), the additional NPV as per the assessment made by the State Forest Department.
 - to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation as per the scheme prepared by the State Government.
 - to pay the cost of extraction charges of tree growth, existing on the forest land proposed for diversion under the project as and when demanded by the Forest authorities.
 - And others.
- **Justification of locating the project in forest area & brief note submitted by the User Agency.**

- The user agency justified that, the APCO 25 is a suite of standards for digital mobile radio communications designed for use by public safety organizations. It is a direct replacement for analog UHF (example FM) radios but add the ability to transfer data as well as voice, allowing for a more natural implementation of encryption or messaging and are commonly implemented by dispatch organizations, such as Police, Fire, Ambulance and Emergency Rescue Service, using vehicle-mounted radios combined with walkie-talkie handheld use.
- APCO 25 tower for Phase-II Network is a sought to define a unified set of requirements for a next-generation aeronautical and terrestrial digital wideband/broadband radio standard that could be used to transmit and receive voice, video and high-speed data in wide-area, multiple-agency networks deployed by public safety agencies.
- The proposed tower is to be constructed near the Lalgadimalakpet RF near to the state highway connecting to the Gajwel town (Constituency of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Telangana State) and Siddipet District. In order to maintain the law and order, traffic, security for emergency cases and also for the VIPs, the construction of APCO 25 tower is necessarily required. Hence the proposals are submitted for an area of 0.0995 Ha.

II. The District Forest Officer, Medchal has furnished following information in Part II, Inspection Report Dt.31.03.2020:

- ✓ The forest area required by the User Agency is **0.0995 Ha.**
- ✓ The Establishment of APCO 25 tower is passing through Compt.No. 225 of LalgadimalakpetRF.
- ✓ Lalgadimalakpet Reserved Forest Block had been notified U/s 29 of Hyderabad Forest Act, 1355 Fasli.
- ✓ The Density of vegetation is 0.2.
- ✓ No trees are existing in the proposed area for diversion.
- ✓ There is no erosion due to Establishment of APCO 25 tower.
- ✓ Inspected the site on 31.03.2020 and the proposed diversion area in Lalgadimalakpet RF is entering into the compt.No. 225 at 17.63100664 N, 78.55420529 E upto 17.6316676 N, 78.55269565 E.

- ✓ The proposed area of diversion does not require any additional road for the movement as there is an existing way which can be used by the UA.
- ✓ Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is 0.50 km.
- ✓ There is no rare/endangered unique species of flora and fauna in the area proposed for diversion.
- ✓ The area proposed for diversion is barest minimum.
- ✓ In the proposed site, there are no protected/Archaeological/Heritage site /Defence establishment or any other important monuments are located.
- ✓ The proposed area is not falling in any National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor.
- ✓ No work in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 taken place.

Recommendations of the District Forest Officer, Medchal in Part-II:

The District Forest Officer, Medchal has recommended the proposal in Part-II stating that the proposed land diversion 0.0995 Ha of forest land in Medchal division for Establishment of APCO 25 tower for Phase II Network in Greater Hyderabad Police Commissionerates in Medchal District in favour of Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate is recommended.

III. Recommendation of Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests /CF, Hyderabad:

Considering the recommendation and the remarks made by the District Forest Officer, Medchal in Part-II, the Addl.Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests/CF, Hyderabad has also recommended the Project in Part-III, for diversion of forest land of 0.0995 ha in Lalgadialakpet RF Block of Shamirpet Range in Medchal Division for establishment of APCO 25 phase II Network in Greater Hyderabad Police Commissionerates in Medchal District.

IV. Compensatory Afforestation (CA):

As per para -2.6 (i) (b) of hand book of under F©A Act, 1980, F© rules, 2003 (amendments and clarifications) issued in F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28/3/2019 and amendments issued therein, no CA shall be insisted upon in respect of proposals involving diversion of forest land upto one(1) ha. However in such cases, cost of raising plantation (including ten years of maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or number as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to minimum number of 100 plants) shall be levied from user agency towards CA.

In the instant case, there are no trees existing in the area proposed. However, Minimum number of 100 plants/trees to be raised needs to be imposed. The CA scheme for raising of 100 plants/trees will be prepared after issual of stage – I approval and demand will be raised over the user agency accordingly.

V. RoFR Certificate:

The District Collector, Medchal vide ref E2/998/2020 Dt.11.06.2020 has issued RoFR Certificate in Form-II (for non - linear projects) and certified that the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 0.0995 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of M/s. Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, Telangana State for the proposal "Construction of APCO 25 tower for phase – II Network in Mazeedpur village of Lalgadimalakpet RF in Medchal-Malkajgiri District" falls within jurisdiction of Mazeedpur village, Shamirpet tehsils; which is enclosed herewith.

- VI.** The proposal has been uploaded by UA in the ministry's website and a unique number generated for this proposal No. **FP/TG/OTHERS/44802/2020.**
- VII.** As per chapter 4 of Handbook on Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 & Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003, guidelines & clarifications issued by GoI, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi, in F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019 and the amendments issued therein, this proposal doesn't fall under general approval category, and the proposal is non-site specific (Para 1.15), the proposal needs to be forwarded to GoI, MoEF& CC, RO, Chennai.
- VIII.** In view of the above, the statutory proposals along with necessary enclosures with due recommendations of undersigned in Part-IV are submitted herewith in triplicate for forwarding after recommendation in Part-V to the Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF& CC, Chennai, for issual of necessary clearance.

Encl: As Above

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-R.Sobha

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)&
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force) (FAC)

Copy to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Hyderabad and the District Forest Officer, Medchal for information.

Copy to the Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, Telangana State for information.

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Superintendent

PART - IV

(to be filled by the Nodal officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest department)

<p>17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or 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).</p>	<p>The proposal for diversion of 0.0995 Ha of forest land in Medchal division for Establishment of APCO 25 tower for Phase II Network in Greater Hyderabad Police Commissionerates in Lalgaadimalakpet RF, Medchal District in favour of Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate is hereby <u>recommended</u>.</p> <p>The conditions proposed by the DFO and recommended by the APCCF/CF are agreed to and may be stipulated in the approval.</p>
	<p><i>R. Souha</i> Signature 09/07/2020 Name & Designation (Official seal) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Telangana, Hyderabad.</p>
<p>Date :- 09-07-2020 Place: HYDERABAD</p>	

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