

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS., Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, 'Aranya Bhavan', K.M. Munshi Road, Guntur-522004.	To ✓ The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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**Ref.no.EFS02-15027/20/2018/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:  
20.06.2020**

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of forest land over an extent of 0.11 ha. In favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipeline from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. In Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for Shrimp hatchery - Proposal submitted - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Authorized Signatory, M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam online proposal no.FP/AP/Pipeline/42197/2018, Dt. 25.09.2019.  
2. PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15027/20/2018-FCA SEC - PCCF/FCA-1, Dt. 02.11.2019.  
3. Authorized Signatory, M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam letter Dt. 05.07.2019.  
4. PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15027/20/2018-FCA SEC - PCCF/FCA-1, Dt. 21.11.2019.  
5. CF, Visakhapatnam, Rc.no.4283/2018/TO, Dt.20.05.2020.

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It is submitted that, the Authorized Signatory, M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> has submitted proposal online for diversion of forest land over an extent of 0.11 ha. In favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipeline from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. In Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for Shrimp hatchery. Further, the copies of the letters issued by concerned authorities in connection with the subject firm are enclosed herewith.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam and Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited for processing the proposal as per the guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments thereon. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited has submitted the proposal as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments issued up to date for diversion of 0.11 ha. of forest land in favor of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam.

**The details of the proposal are as follows:-**

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

- The proposal is for diversion of forest land over an extent of 0.11 ha. in favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipeline from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. in Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for Shrimp hatchery.
- For locating the project in the forest land, the User Agency has justified that, M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., established Shrimp hatchery near Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam District. Since their hatchery requires sea water and they have applied for laying PVC pipe line to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., through Gudivada Village RF situated in Sy.no.209 Katha no.1546 of Gudivada Village, S.Rayavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District passing through K. Polavaram forest block and there is no alternative way to lay the water pipe line from Bay of Bengal.
- The cost of the project is Rs.2400.00 Lakh approximately.
- The User agency has stated that the employment likely to be generated permanently is to 30 persons and temporarily to 40 man days approx.
- The User Agency has certified that the forest land proposed for diversion is the barest minimum area and unavoidable.
- The user agency has certified that, all other alternatives for selection of non-forest land for laying pipe line to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to hatchery were explored, and the only option for laying underground pipeline is passing through forest land.
- The User agency has submitted undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation if any as per the scheme prepared by Forest Department and to pay NPV, Additional NPV, tree extraction charges and escalation charges, if any, as assessed and demanded by Forest Department.
- The user agency has submitted authenticated DGPS surveyed maps for the area proposed for diversion.

**The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has furnished the following information in Part-II:**

- This proposal is for diversion of 0.11 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no.973, K. Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Sea to draw sea water.
- K. Polavaram Shelterbelt Forest Block is notified under Section-4 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967, Dt.31.01.1994.
- The proposed area for diversion is falling in K. Polavaram Shelterbelt Forest block, Yellamanchili Section of Yellamanchil Range, Visakhapatnam Division.
- Density of vegetation in the proposed diversion area is less than 0.1 (Eco-Class-IV)
- 39 no. of trees are falling along the width of the underground pipe line.
- The area proposed is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area proposed for diversion.
- There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument in the area proposed for diversion.



- The proposed area for diversion is not forming part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, tiger reserve and Elephant Corridor etc. and also it is not falling in Eco-sensitive zone of Protected Areas.
- No significant effect on soil erosion due to diversion of forest land for this project.
- No violation has taken place in the proposed area.
- Compensatory afforestation is not required for the project.
- The proposed diversion area is not covered under any VSS area.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has inspected the proposed area for diversion along with concerned staff on 17.03.2020.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has recommended the proposal in Part-II with certain following conditions
  - i. Display board at starting and ending point showing details of forest land involved in diversion and clearly mentioning the status of land as "forest land".
  - ii. All the material required for pipe line work shall be brought from outside and no material shall be collected from RF or Reserved land.
  - iii. All the DGPS surveyed points shall be clearly demarcated on the field and proposed alignment shall be followed.
  - iv. Underground pipeline have to be covered properly and it should not be visible from outside.
  - v. The effluents shall be discharged after proper treatment as per approval by the competent authority.
  - vi. In any case treated effluents shall not be related into forest area.

**The Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has furnished the following information in Part-III:-**

The Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has not inspected the proposed area since the area proposed for diversion is below 40 ha., but agreed with the information provided by the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam in Part-II and also recommended the proposal in Part-III.

Both, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam have recommended the proposal.

The District Collector, Guntur District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by MoEF, GoI, New Delhi in Lr.no.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format Annexure-I (Form-I) for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dweller (RoFR), Act, 2006 is enclosed to with the proposal.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)) and a unique proposal number FP/AP/Pipeline/42197/2019, Dt. 25.09.2019 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the acknowledgement slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

In this connection, it is submitted that, as per Chapter 2.6 (i) of the guidelines issued by Government of India in F.no.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten

times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land. (subjected to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation. Since the enumeration of trees are in 39 no. the user agency should plant and maintain ten times the number to trees to be felled on the diverted land to maintain green cover at the project. In this regard, identification of planting site and preparation of CA scheme accordingly will be done by the State Forest Department as per the orders.

In view of the above, the statutory proforma proposal for diversion of 0.11 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no.973, K. Polavaram Sehlturbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal to draw sea water for the hatchery, duly recommended in Part-IV, is submitted herewith in duplicate.

The Government are requested to consider the proposal and forward the same to the GoI, MoEF&CC, R.O, Chennai for according Stage-I approval.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above.

**Sd/- N. Prateep Kumar**  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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*C. M. M. Babu* 22/06/2020  
for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

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22/06/2020

Diversion of forest land over an extent of 0.11 ha. in f/o M/s. Avants Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipeline from shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal to draw sea water for shrimp hatchery

PART - IV

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

17	<p>Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p>(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>	<p>Recommended.</p>
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Signature.....

Name.....

Official seal..... **N. Prateep Kumar, IFS.,**  
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)  
Andhra Pradesh

Date: 20-06-2020  
Place: Guntur