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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

<p>From Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur - 522 004.</p>	<p>To The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522 503, Guntur District.</p>
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Ref.no.EFS02-15027/3/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
Dated:20/03/2022.

Sir,

Sub APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment no. 10, Yekuvuru RF, Srikakulam Division for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam - Submission of proposal under F(C) Act, 1980 - Clearance under Section-2 of F(C)Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.

Ref: 1. Online proposal no. FP/AP/Pipeline/14902/2021, dated:03.11.2021.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no. EFS02 -15027/3/2020- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated:28.01.2022
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Rc. no. 3926/2021/TO, dated: 08.03.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Officer, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment no. 10, Yekuvuru RF, Srikakulam Division for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment no. 10, Yekuvuru RF, Srikakulam Division for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad and processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

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- Forest area to an extent of 0.39 ha is required for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹6600 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the site is well covered with water sources of brackish water at Northern part of the site, Mahendra Tanaya River, sea water at eastern side of. Bay of Bengal & fresh water from southern side of the site. The availability of these waters make the site suitable for taking up fresh water, brackish water and seawater aquaculture activities. To take sea water from Bay of Bengal for the said project laying of pipeline through forest land is required as forest land is lying between the project site and Bay of Bengal. The small part of pipeline falls in the Coastal Reserve Forest, which was notified by the Survey of India. For the previously mentioned, unavoidable reasons an alternative location for the proposed activity was not a option thus making it a mandate to be proposed near but outside the reserved forest.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.39 ha. Hence, Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- Employment likely to be generated is the proposed project has opportunities for both skilled and unskilled jobs during the construction phase. This project is expected to lead to indirect employment generation and spending on products and services, transport etc., that will benefit the local communities, vendors, and suppliers particularly in the Srikakulam District.
- Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the user agency has stated that, Yes, CRZ Clearance will obtained from Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

The District Forest Officer, Srikakulam has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- Forest land to an extent of 0.39 ha is required in compartment no.10, Yekkuvuru RF of Kasibugga Range , Srikakulam for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad.
- Legal Status of the forest is Yekkuvuru RF notified U/s-24 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967.
- The density of vegetation is 0.2.
- 230 no. of trees falling in the proposed diversion area.
- No, forest area will be effected to erosion.
- The proposed laying of pipeline length is 386.20 m. and average width of 10.22 m. for an extent of 0.39 ha is falling in compartment no.10, Yekkuvuru Forest Block.
- The area proposed for diversion is not a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor etc.
- No rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is un-

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- avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- No violation has been carried out by the User Agency.

The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished

The District Forest Officer, Srikakulam has inspected the forest area proposed for diversion on 02.03.2022. The main flora in the area proposed for diversion is Sarugudu-*Casuarina equisetifolia*, Jeedi - *Anacardium occidentale*, Neelagiri -*Acacia-auriculiformis*, Tadi -*Borassus-flabellifer* etc. Site inspection report of the District Forest Officer, Srikakulam is enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the District Forest Officer, Srikakulam has **“Recommended”** the proposal. **The Part-II information has been uploaded at Nodal Officer level.**

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam circle, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, Srikakulam and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

In part-IV, the Nodal Officer(FCA), Andhra Pradesh has **“Recommended”** the proposal for diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad.

As per Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F. no. 5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019, under RoFR Act, 2006, the user agency has uploaded the RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collector, Srikakulam District in the prescribed format for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR) Act, 2006.

Further, it is to submit that as per the guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) & a unique proposal number no. **FP/AP/Pipeline/14902/2021** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Conservator of Forests , Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam and the District Forest Officer, Srikakulam have recommend the proposal for diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad.

Further, as per Chapter 2.6 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, Compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 1.00 ha. However, 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 (subject to a minimum number of 100 plants) shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.

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In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad duly recommended in Part-IV, subject to the conditions stipulated in Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in F. no.5-2/2017 (FC Division) Dt. 28.03.2019 is submitted herewith.

The Government are requested to take necessary action for onward submission of the proposal to Government of India, MoEF &CC, IRO, Vijayawada to accord forest clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments therein.

Encl:- (2) sets of proposals

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

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

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

Copy to the Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Dept. of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Gol, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Dept. of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Gol, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.

Signed by N Prateep Kumar

Ifs

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PART-IV

Diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, NFDB, Hyderabad....

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendations 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)	Recommended.
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Date:20/03/2022

Signature

Place : Guntur

Name:Anand Kumar Jha

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Signed by Anand Kumar Jha

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