

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Spl.Cheif Secretary to the
Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Amaravati - 522 503.

Ref. no. EFS02-15021/1/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:23/08/2022.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.43 ha. of forest land in
- Compartment no.354 & 355 of Sirivel Extn.II RF, Nuthala North Beat,
Rudravaram Range, Nandyal WL Division, Kurnool District for construction
of intake well & Raw water pumping main for providing water supply
scheme to the Allagadda town with Gandaleru Reservoir (Thundlavagu) as
source - Proposal submitted with recommending in Part-IV - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Unique Proposal No.FP/AP/WATER/143980/2021, dt. 24.06.2021.
2. CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.No.2739/2018-TO, dt.28.06.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, Kurnool has initiated a proposal in the PARIVEH web portal on 24.06.2021 for diversion of 0.43 ha of forest land in Compartment no.354 & 355 of Sirivella Extn.II RF, Nuthala North Beat, Rudravaram Range, Nandyal WL Division, Kurnool District for construction of intake well & Raw water pumping main for providing water supply scheme to the Allagadda town with Gandaleru Reservoir (Thundlavagu) as source.

The proposal has been forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nandyal WL Division on 19.05.2022, for processing the proposal in accordance with the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In the reference cited, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has processed the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and submitted Part-II & III proposal. The details of the proposal are as follows.

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

- For locating the project in the forest area, the user agency has justified that, present population of Allagadda Nagar Panchayat is 44,005 as per 2011 census and for them 45 LPCD (litres per Capita per day) of water is being provided. Presently, the ground water level in bore wells is 50 m. Now, the present population requires 7.82 MLD raw water and 7.45 MLD clear water. The ground water available have more hard ness and fluoride mineral is beyond permissible limit and hence health of the public is being affected. The reliability on ground water is not acceptable. Hence, there is a need for selection of surface to supply portable water. The source of Gandaleru Reservoir which is 19 km away from Allagadda Town has been

identified as reliable one for the water needs of Allagadda Town. The Allagadda town is facing serious drinking water problem during summer season. Hence, scheme is contemplated to draw water source from Gandaleru Reservoir for the purpose of extending required quantity of water supply to the Allagadda town to make the scheme more reliable.

Part of the raw water pumping main & construction of intake well fall under Compartment No.354 7 355 of Sirivella Extn.II RF, Nuthala North Beat, Rudravaram Range, Nandyal WL Division. The forest area over an extent of 0.43 ha (pipeline – 0.26 ha & Intake well area – 0.17 ha) is found to be the best possible way without increasing the length of the pipeline. Further, he has justified that, all efforts were put to avoid forest land but they could not avoid the forest land totally. Further, he has stated that there is no other alternative for the project.

- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- Employment likely to be generated due to this project is 25 number of persons (Permanent) and 120 number of person-days (Temporary).
- Cost benefit analysis does not required for the project.
- RoFR certificate obtained from the District Collector, Kurnool District in Form-I furnished. In view of non-uploading the RoFR certificate in Part-I proposal, it is uploaded along with Part-IV recommendation at Nodal Officer level.
- User Agency has furnished undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, payment of NPV and addl.NPV, as decided by the Forest Department.

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

- Site was inspected on 21.05.2022.
- The Sirivella Extension-II RF is notified under Section 16 vide Notification No.86 of 1898.
- Density of vegetation is 0.5 (Eco-Class-III-Dense forest).
- 5 nos. of trees are to be felled in the proposed diversion area.
- The RF area proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to erosion.
- **The proposed project is passing through Tiger Corridor area between Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and Sri Venkateswara National Park.**
- Rare and endangered species of fauna like Panthera tigris (Tiger), Panthera pardus (Leopard), Melursus ursinus (Sloth bear) etc. are found in the proposed area.
- No protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land proposed for diversion is the barest minimum for the project.
- No violation has been taken place in the proposed diversion area.
- Compensatory Afforestation is not required as the forest land required is below 1 ha.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nandyal WL has recommended the proposal in part-II. The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has agreed with the information provided by the DFO, Nandyal WL in Part-II and recommended the proposal in part-III. Nodal officer has recommended the proposal in Part-IV.

In this regard, it is submitted that, as the proposed diversion area is falling in the Tiger Corridor area between Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and Sri Venkateswara National Park, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool is being requested to instruct the user agency to initiate wildlife clearance for obtaining the wildlife clearance under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1980.

The Statutory proforma proposal in (3) sets are submitted herewith.

The Government are requested to consider and forward the proposal to GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for taking necessary action under the Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for information.

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PART-IV

Diversion of 0.43 ha. of forest land in Compartment no.354 & 355 of Sirivel Extn.II RF, Nuthala North Beat, Rudravaram Range, Nandyal WL Division, Kurnool District for construction of intake well & Raw water pumping main for providing water supply scheme to the Allagadda town with Gandaleru Reservoir (Thundlavagu) as source -

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:**21/08/2022.** Signature: **Anand Kumar Jha**

Place : Guntur

Name:

Office Seal:**Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests**

