

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To,
The Prl. Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.No. 5867/2017/FCA-1, Dated: 14.09.2018

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 -Diversion of 4.76 Ha. of Forest Land in SPSR Nellore Division for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing reservoir No. IV under phase-I - Proposals (4) sets - Submitted - Reg.

- Ref:-
1. DEE, SSLC SB Sub Division No. 1, Gudur Online Proposal No. FP/AP/IRRIG/29783/2018, Dt.18.04.2018.
 2. PCCF's Ref.No. 5867/2017/FCA-1, Dt.19.04.2018.
 3. DEE, SSLC&SB Sub Division No. 1, Gudur Lr.No. DB /AEE(T)/ASRSHLLC/H1/18m, Dt.21.04.2018.
 4. PCCF's Ref.No. 5867/2017/FCA-1, Dt.24.04.2018.
 5. CF, Guntur Rc.No.1377/2018-TO, Dt.29.08.2018.

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It is informed that, vide reference 3rd cited, the Deputy Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Sub Division No. 1, Gudur has uploaded proposals for diversion of Forest Land to an extent of 4.76 Ha. for Construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila High Level Lift Canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing reservoir No. IV under Phase-I.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore and Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide this office reference 4th cited for processing as per guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments thereon. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide reference 5th cited has submitted the proposal duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and amendment thereon for diversion of 4.76 Ha of forest land as per the field inspection.

The details of proposal are as follows:-

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

- This proposal is for diversion of Forest Land to an extent of 4.76 Ha. (i.e., 2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of Nellore Division) for Construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila High Level Lift Canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing reservoir No. IV under Phase-I including construction of pump houses, Electro mechanical, Hydro mechanical and CM & CD works, pressure mains, Gravity Canals, Balancing Reservoirs, sumps, providing system for 90000 acres and creation of an IP 43,200 acres under four Balancing Reservoirs in Anantasagaram, Marripadu, Duttalur and Atmakur mandals in SPSR Nellore District.

- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that the proposed alignment of canal is passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF of Sri Penusila Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary and Bommavaram RF of Nellore Division. As per DGPS survey, an extent of 2.54 Ha. in Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. in Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of Nellore Division is required to be diverted. There is no other alternative except the proposed one as the area is bare minimum to provide water for 90,000 acres and creation of an IP 43,200 acres in Phase-1 in four mandals of drought prone areas of SPSR Nellore District.
- The area required for the project is unavoidable and barest minimum area for which it is proposed and will not shift any area other than the area as mentioned in the proposal.
- The User agency has submitted that the Employment likely to be generated is 5000 Man days.
- Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required is as follows.

Sl.No.	Purpose	Area in Ha.
1	Canal in Udayagiri Veligonda RF of Sri Penusila Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary.	2.54
2	Canal in Bommavaram RF	2.22
	Total	4.76

- The User agency has submitted undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in any of the degraded forest land, if any as per the scheme prepared by the Forest Department. Further, the user agency has given undertaking regarding NPV, additional NPV and tree extraction charges in the forest land proposed for diversion as and when the demand is raised by the Forest Department, if any.
- The User Agency has submitted that, there will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- The user agency has submitted the authenticated DGPS surveyed map for the area proposed for diversion.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore Division, Nellore has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of Forest Land to an extent of 4.76 Ha. (i.e., 2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of Nellore Division) for Construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila High Level Lift Canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing reservoir No. IV under Phase-I.
- The density of vegetation is 0.3 to 0.4.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed canal is linear in nature with a length of 1980 mts. The proposed canal enters the Udayagiri - Veligonda and Bommavaram RFs boundary from one side and leaves the RF boundaries in another side.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed area is a plain and not vulnerable to erosion.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that there is no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area

proposed for diversion except Panther, Sambar, Chowsingha, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Wild boar, large number of Reptile and Bird Species are found in the Reserve Forest.

- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 4.76 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed canal over an extent of 2.54 Ha. is passing through Udayagiri - Veligonda RF of Sri Penusila Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary and the density of vegetation is 0.35 and falls under Eco-Class-III consisting of Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest.
- The Divisional Forest Officer certified that the proposal does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archeological, defense establishment or any other important monument.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has inspected the proposed area on 29.05.2018 and 03.06.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has certified that no violation is occurred as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 under the propose project.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the User Agency has identified 6.0 Ha. of CA land in Sy.No.54 of Pedanagampalli Village of Seetha Rampuram Mandal of SPSR Nellore District in lieu of diversion of 4.76 Ha. of forest land in Nellore Division. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been prepared with total financial outlay of Rs.32.245 Lakhs.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information given in Part-II and the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer and recommended in Part-III

The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique No. FP/AP/IRRIG/29783/2018, Dt.18.04.2018 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed herewith.

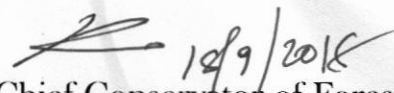
The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore Division and Conservator of Forests, Guntur have recommended the proposal.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures duly recommended in Part-IV, are submitted herewith for taking necessary action in the matter.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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Sarjewa Rathy Somasila High level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto
Balancing Reservoir No IV under Phase-I in SPSR Nellore District - 103 -

PART - IV

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

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).

Date: 14-09-2018
Place: GUNTUR

Recommended

Signature
Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi IFS.,
Name
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests
Official seal
(Head of Forest Force)
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur