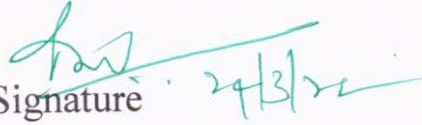
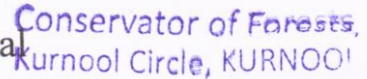


PART-III

(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

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14.	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	::	- NO -
15.	Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	::	yes
16.	Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons	::	Recommended

Signature 
Name
Official Seal 

Date: - Kurnool

Place: - 24-3-2022

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

FROM
Sri P.Ramakrishna, IFS.,
Conservator of Forests,
Kurnool Circle, Kurnool.

TO
The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh,
GUNTUR.

Rc.No.1949/2019-TO, Dated:-24.03.2022

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – F(C)Act, 1980 – Proposals for diversion of forest land for erection of 220 KV DC Line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to proposed 220/132/33 KVSS Bethamcherla in Kurnool District in favour of SE, Construction Circle, APTRANSCO Kurnool – Proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Submission off – Reg.

Ref:- 1) PCCF, AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15035/2/2019-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dt.25.01.2022
2) DFO, Kurnool Rc.No. 999/2019-H5, Dt.21.03.2022

Adverting to the reference 1st cited, it is submitted that in the reference 2nd cited, the District Forest Officer, Kurnool has submitted (7) sets of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 proposals u/s -2 for diversion of 2.63 Ha. forest land in Compt. No.334 of Rangapuram Reserve forest and Compt.No.313 of G.A.Bad South RF of Dhone Range of Kurnool Division in favour of Execution Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kurnool for erection of 220 KV DC Line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to proposed 220/132/33 KVSS Bethamcherla in Kurnool District.

The proposals submitted by the District Forest Officer, Kurnool u/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above proposed diversion land in forest land for the purpose mentioned at the subject has been scrutinized. The District Forest Officer, Kurnool has submitted the proposals duly recommending for further process. The details of forest land required for diversion in Kurnool Division is as follows.

S. NO	DIVISION	RANGE	BEAT	RF	COMPT. NO.	LENGTH (Mts)	WIDTH (Mts)	AREA (HA.)
1	KURNOOL	DHONE	G.A.BAD	G.A.BAD SOUTH RF	313	248.57	35.00	0.87
2	KURNOOL	DHONE	RANGAPURAM	RANGAPURMA	334	191.69	28.90	0.55
						289.44	24.59	0.71
						446.84	11.30	0.50
				TOTAL				2.63

The District Forest Officer, Kurnool has also inspected the proposed diversion site on 12.02.2022 along with Forest Range Officer and Concerned field staff and APTRANSCO representatives. During the inspection, the District Forest Officer has observed the following.

- 1) The vegetation in the proposed area for diversion is under Eco-Class-III open forest. The fauna of the proposed is Wild Boar and Rabbits etc.
- 2) The transmission line comes under the category linear project and there is no vulnerable to soil erosion and there is minimal impact of the project on the adjoining flora and fauna.
- 3) The proposed area does not fall in the part of National Parks/ Wildlife Sanctuary or Eco-sensitive Zone or Wildlife Corridors and also there are no elephant corridors and does not consists of any archeological and monumental structures. Further it is stated that there are no endangered forest species in the proposed area. The GBM Wildlife sanctuary is the nearest wildlife sanctuary to the Stretch-I (0.87 Ha.) proposed for diversion, Similarly Rollapadu WLS is the nearest one to the proposed diversion area of Stretch-II (1.76 Ha.).
- 4) The requirement of forest land by the user agency is the barest minimum for the project.
- 5) The certificates required under RoFR Act 2006 i.e., A to H obtained from the District Collector, Kurnool after conducting Gram Sabhas have also been enclosed to the proposals.
- 6) The other required copies of documents, undertaking, certificates etc. obtained from the user agency and also furnished by the District Forest Officer are also enclosed to the proposals
- 7) The CA is proposed to raise on the degraded forest land which is equal to double the area proposed for diversion in this case in Compt.No.49 & 50, Gundlakonda RF, Gundlakonda Beat, Pathikonda Section of Adoni Range in Kurnool Division i.e., 5.26 Ha. (2.63x2). The CA scheme prepared for Rs.45.758 lakhs which is proposed to implement over a period of 12 years from 2023-24 to 2034-35 which including 10 years maintenance of the plantations. The CA is proposed to take up under SMM model in the degraded forest land. The species proposed are Hardwickia binata, Azadirachta indica, Dolichandrone crispera, Somida febrifuga, Holoptelea, Integrefolia with an espacement of 3Mx3M to accommodate not less than 1000 plants per Ha.

- 8) As per the guidelines under transmission lines ACA with dwarf species preferably medicinal plants is to be taken up. But the DFO, Kurnool has stated that the forest area under transmission line is covered with rocky patches and not possible to take up the dwarf species plantation. Hence proposed to take up the ACA plantation in the degraded forest land identified in G.A.bad South RF, Compt.No.316 of Dhone Range under SMM method. The cost of the scheme prepared for Rs.18.500 lakhs to implement over a period of 12 years from 2023-24 to 2034-35 which including 10 years maintenance of the plantations. The CA is proposed to take up under SMM model in the degraded forest land. The species proposed are Hardwickia binata, Azadirachta indica, Dolichandrone crista, Somida febrifuga, Holoptelea, Integrefolia with an espacement of 3Mx3M to accommodate not less than 1000 plants per Ha.

The District Forest Officer, Kurnool has further submitted that the user agency has already dugged pits for erection of towers in both stretches to an extent of 0.007 Ha. in Stretch-I (4 pits) i.e., in Compt.No.313, G.A.Bad South Reserve forest and 0.02 Ha. in Stretch-II (3 towers) in Compt.No.334 in Rangapuram Reserve forest by violating the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. For violation in Stretch-I, the Divisional Forest Officer, FSP, Kurnool has booked a OR No.44/2019-20 and compounded Rs.2,61,554/- The POR copy is also enclosed to the proposals. For the violation in the Stretch-II, the District Forest Officer, Kurnool has booked a case against the APTRANSCO authorities vide OR No.42/2020-21. The District Forest Officer has also compounded for Rs.3,16,552/- In this regard, the user agency has preferred an appeal in this case and the same was finalized by the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool vide CF, Kurnool Rc.No.4397/2021-M6, Dt.27.09.2021 (copy enclosed) by concluding that the user agency has violated the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 norms. Hence the District Forest Officer instructed to book the case under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and process it as per the rules in force. Hence the District Forest Officer has issued a notice to the user agency vide DFO, Kurnool Rc.no.3762/2020-H6, Dt.18.10.2021.

With regards to action taken against the forest officials responsible in Stretch-I for violation, the District Forest Officer, Kurnool has issued explanation memo to the following staff vide DFO, Kurnool Rc.No.999/2020-H5, Dt.03.08.2021.

- 1) Sri Z.N.Jah, Forest Range Officer, Dhone
- 2) Sri P.A.Shyam Sundar, Deputy Range Officer, Banaganapalli Section of Dhone Range
- 3) Sri K.Guru Murthy, FBO, G.A.Bad Beat, Dhone Range

And violation occurred in Stretch-II, explanation memo was issued to the following staff in DFO, Kurnool Rc.no.3762/2020-H6, Dt.16.11.2020.

- 1) Sri Z.N.Jah, Forest Range Officer, Dhone
- 2) Sri S.Basheer Ahmed, Deputy Range Officer, Dhone
- 3) Sri G.Hanu Kumar, FBO, Rangapuram Beat of Dhone Range
- 4) Smt P.Jayamma, ABO, Rangapuram Beat of Dhone Range

The action to be initiated against the above individuals is under process.

Finally, the District Forest Officer has recommended the proposals in Part-II enclosed.

In view of above, the proposals in Part-III are recommended and submitted herewith in (6) sets both in soft and hard copies (CD).

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above (6 sets).

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-P.Ramakrishna,
Conservator of Forests,
Kurnool Circle, Kurnool.

//t.c.b.o//

P. J. Reddy
Technical Officer
24/3/22