

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From: Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Andhra Pradesh, "AranyaBhavan", K.M. Munshi Road, Guntur - 522 004.	To, The Prl. Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
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Sir,

Rc.No.EFS02-15021/3/2018//FCA SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dt:25.10.2018

Sub: - APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - GNSS Phase - II - Package No. 05/06 - Diversion of 281.50 Ha. of forest land for Earth work Excavation of GNSS Main canal from KM 149.700 to KM 157.000 and KM 158.000 to KM 163.500 - Proposals in (4) sets submitted - Reg.

Ref: - 1. EE, NTR TGP Division No.II, Kadapa Online Proposal No. FP/AP/IRRIG/34996/2018, Dt. 04.08.2018.
2. PCCF's Ref.No.15022/11/2018/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dt.07.08.2018.
3. CF Kurnool. Rc.No.2935/2018-TO, Dt:15.10.2018.



It is to inform that the Executive Engineer, NTR TGP Division No.2, Kadapa vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in the Ministry's website for diversion of 281.50 Ha. of forest land for Earth work Excavation of GNSS Main canal from KM 149.700 to KM 157.000 and KM 158.000 to KM 163.500 under GNSS Package-05/06 in f/o EE, NTR TGP Division No.II, Kadapa.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa and Conservator of Forests, Kurnool vide this office reference 3rd cited for processing as per guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments thereon. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool vide reference 3rd cited has submitted the proposal duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and amendment thereon for diversion of 281.50 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 281.50 Ha. of Forest Land in Vontimitta, Chintharajupalli, Pathuru Extn. & Cheyuru Extn. Reserve Forests of Vontimitta Range of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Main canal from KM 149.700 to KM 157.000 and KM 158.000 to KM 163.500 under GNSS Package No.05/06 in f/o EE, NTR TGP Division No.II, Kadapa.
- The UA has submitted this proposal under linear category.
- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that the proposal is submitted for providing irrigation facility to 5000 acres with number of beneficiaries around 1 lakh people in YSR District in the reach

from Km. 149.700 to Km. 157.000 and Km. 158.000 to Km. 163.500 of GNSS Main canal.

- The User Agency has certified that the area required for the project is barest minimum area for the purpose for which it is proposed and there will be no further requirement of additional area. Also the User Agency has certified that no suitable private or Government, Non forest land is available at the site.
- The User agency has submitted that, there will be an employment generation of about 100000 Nos of employment.
- Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required is as follows.

Sl.No.	Purpose	Area (in Ha.)
1	Earth work Excavation of GNSS Main Canal from KM 149.700 to KM 157.000 and from KM 158.000 to KM 163.500 under Package No.05/06	281.50
Total		281.50

- The User agency has submitted that the clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is required for the project.
- The User Agency has certified that no people will be displaced due to this forest area under the project.
- The User Agency has submitted undertaking to pay the value of damages accord to the Forest Department in taking up of this project as per the assist and demand notice raised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa.
- The User Agency has submitted undertaking for any loss to the Flora / Fauna in the surroundings to the project and therefore, shall take all possible measures to conserve the same as directed by the Forest Department.
- The User agency has submitted undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in any of the degraded forest land, 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 the certificate under RoFR Act-2006, as required under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The user agency has submitted the authenticated DGPS surveyed map for the area proposed for diversion.

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

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 281.50 Ha. is located in 2 Bits. Bit-1: over an extent of 187.40 Ha. in Compt.No. 472, 473, 474 of Vontimitta RF & Vontimitta Extn. RF of Nadimpally Beat and Compt.Nos. 451, 452 of Chintharajupalli RF of Chintharajupalli Beat and Bit-2: over an extent of 94.10 Ha. in Compt.No. 450 of Chintharajupalli RF of Chintharajupalli Beat and Compt.No.454 of Cheyyeru Extn. RF of Pahur Beat of Vontimitta Range of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Main canal from KM 149.700 to KM 157.000 and KM 158.000 to KM 163.500 under GNSS Package No.05/06 in f/o EE, NTR TGP Division No.II, Kadapa and the Reserve Forests i.e., Vontimitta RF, Vontimitta Extn. RF, Chintharajupalli RF, Patur Extn. RF and Cheyyeru

RF were notified under Sections 509, 326, 232, 1213 and 232 of Madras Forest Act, Dt:02.11.1892, 01.06.1837, 01.05.1893, 30.06.1969 and 01.05.1893 respectively.

- The density of vegetation is between 0.1 to 0.6 (Eco-Class III: Dense Forest).
- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 281.50 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated most of the forests have hilly and hence no such vulnerability to the erosion.
- The Divisional Forest Officer stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Archeological / Heritage site and Defense Establishments or any other important monument including wildlife sanctuary and National Parks etc., however the total proposed canal is falling in Seshachalam Biosphere Buffer Zone area.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that Redsanders (*Pterocarpussantalinus*) found in the proposed area and fauna found indirectly are Sloth Bear Spotted Deer, Sambar, Wild Boar etc., in the proposed area.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed site for diversion is passing through boundary of forest line.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has inspected the proposed area on 08.10.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that no violation is occurred as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Act, 1972 under the proposed project.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that non forest area identified in Proddatur Division of Kurnool Circle and prepared Compensatory Afforestation Scheme with total financial outlay of Rs.2394.920 Lakhs for period of 12 years including 10 years of maintenance i.e., from 2019-20 to 2031-32 in staggered Trench-cum-pit method by accommodating 1111 Nos. plants per Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has also inspected the proposed site on 10.10.2018 and following observation were made.

- The crown density is between 0.1 to 0.6 over an extent of 281.50 Ha. is Dense Forest.
- The area is gentle slope to steep slope, Hilly and Plain.
- The fauna noticed indirectly are Sloth bear - *Melursus ursinus*, Spotted Deer-*Axis axis*, Grey Jungle Fowl-*Gallus sonneratii*, Sambar-*Rusa unicolor*, Jungle Cat-*Felis chaus*, Chowsingha-*Tetracerus quadricornis*, Wild Boar-*Sus scrofa* etc.,
- The Soil is predominantly red soil with boulders.
- The Conservator of Forests has stated that there are some soil and moisture conservation works and forest roads existing in the proposed area for diversion for which the User Agency shall compensate for reconstruction.
- The proposed area is falling in Seshachalam Biosphere Buffer zone area.

Hence, keeping in view of the above observations and the information given in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has recommended the proposals in Part-III.

The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique No. FP/AP/IRRIG/34996/2018, Dt. 04.08.2018 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed herewith.

Both, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa and Conservator of Forests, Kurnool 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)

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division, Kadapa.

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

Copy to the Executive Engineer, NTR TGP Division No.2, Kadapa for information.

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Superintendent

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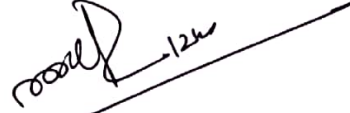
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localy ^{Division.} under GNSS Phase-II Package NO- D5 in f/b. EE, NTR TGP Divn No.2, Kadapa
PART- IV

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

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the state Forest Department for acceptance of other wise 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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DT- 25-10-2018

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