

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

From Sri Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) (FAC), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur - 522 004. To The Spl.Chief Environment, Department, Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravati - 522 503. Secretary to Government, Forests, Science & Technology

Ref. no. EFS02-15029/4/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1,
Dated:07/10/2022.

Sir,

Sub:-APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land over an extent of 3.96 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District in favour of Sri Y. Mahendranath Reddy, Banganapalli (V) & (M), Kurnool District for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal - Proposal recommended in Part-IV submitted – Req.

Ref:- 1. Director of Mines and Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam, Lr.no.21982/R4-2/2017, dt.03.12.2018.
2. CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.No.613/2019-TO, dt.13.07.2022.
3. Director of Mines and Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam, Lr.no.21982/R4-2/2017, dt.12.09.2022.

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It is submitted that, in reference 1st cited, the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam has forwarded the proposal for diversion of forest land over an extent of 3.96 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District in favour of Y. Mahendranath Reddy, Banganapalli (V) & (M), Kurnool District, for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal.

While forwarding the application, the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada has furnished the following information.

1. The Road metal which is available in the applied area is in good quality and have good strength and it is useful for construction activities and plenty of deposits of the material is not available in Banaganapalle surroundings i.e., in Government lands. The Road Metal available in Patta lands is with limited extent. As there is no area available in Bhanumukkala Village, Banganapalle Mandal, Kurnool District for grant of quarry lease for extraction of Road Metal, it has become necessary to opt new quarry lease for Road Metal in Forest lands.
2. **It is a fresh quarry lease proposal.**

3. The area applied for is adjoining to the existing quarry leases in RF area.
4. The proposed quarry lease area is at a distance of 40-50 m from the forest boundary.

Further, in the reference 3rd cited, the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam has furnished the reserves of Road Metal of other mining leases existing in Compartment no.313 of Gulamalaibad South RF, Kurnool, which is as follows.

Name of the mineral	No.of existing leases	Total capacity of each mine (in Cbm)	Average Annual Prodution (in Cbm)	Future requirement of mineral (Cbm)	Present requirement per annum (in Cbm)
Road Metal	5	5.8	5.2	Nearly 10 lakh	6.8 lakh

With the above information, the Director of Mines and Geology, Vijayawada has requested to process the above mentioned proposal for forest clearance.

Subsequently, Sri Mahendranath Reddy, Banganapalli (V) & (M), Kurnool District has initiated a proposal in the PARIVESH portal on 22.01.2021 for diversion of forest land over an extent of 3.96 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabab South Reserve Forest, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal.

The proposal was forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool on 18.06.2021 in the PARIVESH portal for processing the proposal as per the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and the guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool in the reference 2nd cited, has submitted the processed proposal along with Part-II & III recommendation.

The details of the proposal is as follows;

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

- For locating the project in forest area, the User Agency has justified that, this particular variety of Road Metal is uniquely available in the applied forest area and not available anywhere outside the forest area.
- The user Agency has furnished the DGPS authenticated maps for the area proposed for diversion and CA land respectively.

Statement showing the details of forest area involved:

Sl.no.	Purpose	Area in ha.
1	Mining area	3.31

2	Safety zone area	0.59
3	Road area	0.06
	Total area	3.96

- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- The User Agency has submitted that the employment likely to be generated due to this project is 25 number of persons (Permanent) and 280 number of person-days (Temporary)
- The user agency has indicated the safety zone area for the proposed mining project separately in the authenticated DGPS map.
- The User Agency (UA) has submitted undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in the identified CA land, payment of N.P.V, cost of tree extraction charges as decided by the Forest Department. The UA would also to bear the cost of protection and regeneration of safety zone area and also to bear cost of afforestation the degraded forest land one and half times of forest area under safety zone.
- The user agency has identified non-forest land over an extent of 3.97 ha in Sy.no.780 & 781, Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District for compensatory afforestation purpose.
- RoFR certificate in Form-II as prescribed under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, issued by the District Collector, Kurnool District.
- Mining plan approved by the Deputy Director of Mines & Geology (FAC), Kurnool in Lr.no.2580/MP-BPL/2021, dt.05.05.2022.

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

- Site inspection was conducted by the DFO, Kurnool on 27.05.2021.
- Area of the forest land proposed for diversion is as follows.

Sl.no.	Purpose	Area in ha.
1	Mining including Dumping	3.31
2	Safety Zone	0.59
3	Road	0.06
	Total:	3.96

- Gulamaliabad South RF was notified as RF in G.O.No.2062, dt.23.10.1970.
- Density of vegetation is 0.1 (Eco-Class-III).
- Tree felling is not required.
- The RF area proposed is not vulnerable to erosion.
- The proposed quarry lease area at a distance of 0.128 km from the GA Bad South RF boundary.
- The proposed area for diversion does not form part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and elephant corridor etc.,
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed diversion area.
- There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land required for diversion is the barest minimum.

- No violations were taken place in the proposed quarry lease area.
- The user agency has identified non-forest land to an extent of 3.97 ha in Sy.nos.780 & 781, Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District for compensatory afforestation purpose. **The land identified for CA purpose is adjacent and contiguous to Compartment no.263, Jaladurgam Extn.I RF and it is suitable for raising plantation with forest species and also suitable from management and protection point of view. The CA land identified does not overlap with the non-forest land identified for other projects.**
- Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been prepared with a financial outlay of Rs.37.729 lakh for a period from 2022-23 to 2033-34 for treating 3.97 ha.
- The Scheme for fencing, protection, regeneration of safety zone area and for raising and maintenance of enrichment plantation over an extent of 0.885 ha in degraded forest area in GA Bad Soouth RF, GA Beat, Banganapalli Section of Dhone Range, Kurnool division in lieu of safety zone area of 0.59 ha, has been prepared with an outlay of 21.407 lakh (Rs.14.216 lakh + 7.191 lakh).
- The proposed quarry lease is at a distance of 49.50 km from the ESZ boundary of Rollapadu WLS.
- The user agency has identified non-forest land over an extent of 1.85 acres in Sy.no.293, Bhanumukkala Village, Banaganapalli Mandal, Nandyal District belongs to their father to utilize the same for dumping of Road Metal.

Further, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool has informed regarding the following existing/proposed leases in Compartment no.313, GA Bad South RF.

1.	M/s. GMR Stone Crushers, Banganapalli	2.662 ha	Gol have accorded Stage-II approval
2.	Sri Y.Balathimma Reddy, Banganapalli	2.625 ha	
3.	M/s. Venkateswara Stone Crushers, Banganapalli	2.246 ha	
4.	Sri Y.Sivasanakar Reddy, Banganapalli	2.911 ha	
5.	M/s Bhargav Stone Crushers Unit, Banganapalli	2.925 ha	
6.	M/s. GMR Stone Crushers, Banaganapalli	2.597 ha	
7.	Sri G.Maddileti Reddy, Banganapalli	2.96 ha	Under process.
8.	M/s Sainath Stone Crushers, Banganapalli	2.90 ha	Under process.
9.	Sri Y.Mahendranath Reddy, Banganapalli	3.96 ha	

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted with regard to the cluster mining proposal that, the proposed quarry lease may not come under cluster mining and information in this regard may be treated as nil.

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

Further, it is submitted that, as per the decision taken by the Hon'ble Minister for Forests during review meeting on 05.09.2022, a separate security deposit of Rs.2.50 lakh per ha shall be collected by Andhra Pradesh Forest Department towards Reclamation of mines in forest area for incorporation as one of the condition in Stage-I approval may be recommended to the Ministry for consideration so as to enable the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department to reclaim the mined forest area in case the mine owner fails to take up reclamation work as per approved mining plan .

The statutory proforma proposal in (3) sets is submitted herewith. The Government are requested to take necessary action under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above.

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

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Copy to Sri. Y. Mahendranath Reddy, H.No.2/23-4-16, near G.M. Talkies, Banaganapalli (V) & (M), Kurnool District for information.

Signed by Y Madhusudhana
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Reason: Approved

PART-IV

Diversion of forest land over an extent of 3.96 ha in Compartment no.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest, Dhoni Range, Kurnool Division & District in favour of Sri Y.Mahendranath Reddy, Bangaganapalli (V) & (M), Kurnool District, for grant of quarry lease for Road Metal.

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:**28/09/2022.** Signature:**Anand Kumar Jha.**

Place: Guntur. Name:

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

Signed by Anand Kumar Jha
Date: 28-09-2022 15:22:20
Reason: Approved