

**Field inspection notes of S.Srisaravanan, IFS., Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati on the proposed diversion of forest land for construction of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal in Mannavaram Beat of Srikalahasti Range of Chittoor East Division on 26.10.2018.**

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Inspected the forest land proposed for diversion in Mannavaram Beat of Srikalahasti Range for Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal. The canal passes through Compt. No.172 of Venkatagiri RF and Compt. No.196 of Inagalur RF and the total area required in Srikalahasti Range of Chittoor East Division of Tirupati Circle is 8.08 Ha. The user agency is Executive Engineer, SSLC and SB-3, Kothuru, Nellore. The RF wise details of area required for the project are as follows:

Range	Section	Beat	Compt. No. & RF	Extent in Ha.
Srikalahasti	Pallam	Mannavaram	172 of Venkatagiri RF	5.32
Srikalahasti	Pallam	Mannavaram	196 of Inagalur	2.76
			<b>TOTAL ::</b>	<b>8.08</b>

Inspected the area on 26.10.2018. It was observed that, the entire earth work for the canal in the proposed area in the both above RFs have been completed. The user agency has violated the Forest Conservation Act guidelines.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East has reported that, during the course of execution of canal work the violation was noticed. The violation was done by Executive Engineer, TGP, Division Venkatagiri and M/s Progressive contractions Limited, Nellore, during the period from 24.11.2014 to 25.12.2017. Further, the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East has stated that, necessary instructions have been issued to the Forest Range Officer, Srikalahasti for booking case against the violators under FC Act,1980. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East, Chittoor is requested to pursue the issue and submit compliance report.

  
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Tirupati.

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The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East Chittoor