

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.4962/Section-II/2017

Dated: 05-12-2017

From
The Principal Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati -522503.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj,
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110 003 (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 890.43 Ha of Forest Land in Kondapalli Block, in favour of APCRDA for development of Centers for Sports, Physical Trainings and Agri-tourism under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects - Proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, AP, Lr. No. 12850/2017/FCA-1, Dt. 15.11.2017.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh for diversion of 890.43 Ha of Forest Land in Kondapalli Block, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital region Development Authority (APCRDA) for development of Centers for Sports, Physical Trainings and Agri-tourism under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects.

2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Capital region Development Authority (APCRDA) has justified that the degraded forest lands are strategically located in the identified growth corridors of the capital region. Further, there is no land bank available with the district administration and the Andhra Pradesh Capital region Development Authority (APCRDA) pooled up an area of 34,500 acres from the farmers of nearby Capital City. After exhausting all alternative lands in the unavoidable circumstances, the degraded forest land is identified for the purpose of the project for creating economic growth in the Capital Region. The User agency has submitted undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation as per the prevailing wage rates at the time of undertaking the plantation activities, Net Present Value (NPV), additional NPV and tree extraction charges in the forest land proposed for diversion.

3. The District Collector, Krishna has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, as stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format Annexure-I (Form-I) for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights. The concerned filed officers and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively.

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4. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 890.43 Ha of Forest Land in Kondapalli Block, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital region Development Authority (APCRDA) for development of Centers for Sports, Physical Trainings and Agri-tourism under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Capital region Development Authority (APCRDA), Vijayawada.

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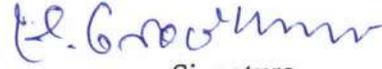
(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:-

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

(Letter No.4962/Section-II/2017, Dated.05-12-2017 for diversion of 890.43 Ha of Forest Land in Kondapalli Block, in favour of APCRDA for development of Centers for Sports, Physical Trainings and Agri-tourism under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects)

“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 890.43 Ha of Forest Land in Kondapalli Block, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) for development of Centers for Sports, Physical Trainings and Agri-tourism under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects”


Signature

Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Vasundhri,
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
(Official Seal)

Date: 05-12-2017

Place: Amaravati