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

Letter No.EFS01-12021/126/Section.II/2018

Dated: 04-10-2018

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

To
Whe Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.
Regional Office, 1st and 2nd Floors,
Handloom Export promotion Council Building
34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.76 Ha. of forest land (i.e.2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of SPSR Nellore Division) for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing Reservoir No.IV under Phase-I in favour of Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur - Proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980-Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, AP, Lr. No.5867/2017/FCA-1, Dt.14-09-2018.

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 4.76 Ha. of forest land (i.e.2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of SPSR Nellore Division) for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing Reservoir No.IV under Phase-I in favour of Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur.

- 2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. the Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur has submitted justification stating that the area proposed for diversion is for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing Reservoir No.IV and there is no alternative suitable land is available other than the proposed area and the area required for the project is barest minimum area for the purpose for which it is proposed. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation. Payment of Net present Value (NPV), additional NPV and tree extraction charges etc. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 3. The District Collector, SPSR Nellore District 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.05.02.2013, in the prescribed format (Form-I) for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights. The field officers concerned and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The recommendation of the State Government in the proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

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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 4.76 Ha. of forest land (i.e.2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommaravam RF of Atmakur Range of SPSR Nellore Division) for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila reservoir upto balancing reservoir No.IV under Phase-I in favour of Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur, 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 Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District.

PART-V

(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.EFS01-12021/126/Section.II/2018, Dated.04-10-2018 for diversion of 4.76 Ha. of forest land (i.e.2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of SPSR Nellore Division) for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing Reservoir No.IV under Phase-I in favour of Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur).

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 4.76 Ha. of forest land (i.e.2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of SPSR Nellore Division) for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing Reservoir No.IV under Phase-I in favour of Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur".

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Name & Designation

(Official Seal)

Date: 04-10-2018

Place: Amavavati

G. ANANTHA RAMU, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

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