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

Letter No.4621/ Section-II/2018

Dated: 09-11-2018

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

Amaravati-522503.

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To The 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 2.40 Ha (i.e. 1.76 Ha for Temple Portion and 0.65 Ha for Road Portion) of forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From PCCF (HoFF), Lr.Rc.No. 8005/2017/FCA-3, Dated :05-10-2018.

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 2.40 Ha (i.e. 1.76 Ha for Temple Portion and 0.65 Ha for Road Portion) of forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam.

2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. the Managing Trustee/Settler, Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam has furnished justification stating that, during 1950's a Goddess by name Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi has taken birth at Yathapalem. The Goddess is situated 100 mtrs from the ground point and it needs pour path pay for Villagers to perform pooja to Goddess. As such there is no other feasible alternative than the proposed land and the area is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. The concerned District Collector has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded on the Ministry's web site and the unique file No. FP/AP/OTHERS/30831/2017 has been generated. The concerned field officers 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 in the proforma Part-V proposal is enclosed herewith.

3. 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 2.40 Ha (i.e. 1.76 Ha for Temple Portion and 0.65 Ha for Road Portion) of forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam, 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.(w.e)- He is requested to take action to upload the proposal in the website of Ministry of Environment, Forest; & Climate Change, including Part-V as enclosed.

The Managing Trustee/Settler, Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam.

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.4621/Section.II/2018, dated.09.11.2018 for diversion of 2.40 Ha. (i.e. 1.76 Ha. for Temple Portion and 0.65 Ha. for Road Portion) of forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam)

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 2.40 Ha. (i.e. 1.76 Ha. for Temple Portion and 0.65 Ha. for Road Portion) of forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam".

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Name & Designation (Official Seal) G. ANANTHA RAMU, I.A.S.

Principal Secretary to Government Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Date: 09-11-2018 Place: Amaravati