GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1486/Section. II/2021/(1480785)

Dated:14.09.2021

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

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 11.38 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.571 & 572 of Nadupuru RF, Parawada Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for laying 400/220 KV over head Transmission line from 400/220 KV Kalapaka sub-station to the proposed cable pot head station for HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam in favour of CGM (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam - Proposal submitted under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/4/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:31.07.2021.

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 11.38 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.571 & 572 of Nadupuru RF, Parawada Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for laying 400/220 KV over head Transmission line from 400/220 KV Kalapaka sub-station to the proposed cable pot head station for HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam in favour of CGM (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam.

I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. the CGM (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam, has furnished justification stating that all the other alternatives for the purpose of construction of 220 KV overhead Transmission Line works from 400/220 KV Kalapaka sub-station to the proposed cable pot head station for HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam in Malipuru RF have been explored and the demand for the required forest area is the minimum for forest land and also certified that, no court cases are pending on this project. The User Agency has furnished undertakings for payment of CA, NPV, Addl. NPV, tree extraction charges and also for avenue plantations etc. The User Agency (i.e. Chief General Manager (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam) has not furnished RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam in the light of comprehensive guidelines issued regarding RoFR Act in Annexure -II (Form-I) of Government of India, F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019 for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR) Act, 2006. However, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) & a unique proposal number No. FP/AP/TRANS/65723/2020 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, the Conservator of Forests 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 proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 11.38 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.571 & 572 of Nadupuru RF, Parawada Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for laying 400/220 KV over head Transmission line from 400/220 KV Kalapaka sub-station to the proposed cable pot head station for HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam in favour of CGM (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

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

The CGM (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, 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.1486/Section.II/2021, Dated.14.09.2021 for diversion of 11.38 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.571&572 of Nadupuru RF, Parawada Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for laying 400/220 KV over head Transmission line from 400/220 KV Kalapaka sub-station to the proposed cable pot head station for HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam in favour of CGM (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam)

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 11.38 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.571& 572 of Nadupuru RF, Parawada Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for laying 400/220 KV over head Transmission line from 400/220 KV Kalapaka substation to the proposed cable pot head station for HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam in favour of CGM (Projects (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam."

Signature

Name & Designation (Official Seal)

Date: 4-09-202

Place: AMARAVATI

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science
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