

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

Letter No.63/Section-II/2018

Dated: 11-01-2018

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 123.82 Ha of forest land for setting up of Science City under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects in Mothadaka Forest Block, Guntur Division & District of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority - Proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, AP, Lr. No. 15472/2017/FCA-1, Dt. 28-12-2017.

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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 123.82 Ha of forest land for setting up of Science City under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects in Mothadaka Forest Block, Guntur Division & District of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority.

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 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, for payment of Net Present Value (NPV), additional NPV and tree extraction charges in the forest land proposed for diversion.

3. The District Collector, Guntur 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 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 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 123.82 Ha of forest land for setting up of Science City under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects in Mothadaka Forest Block, Guntur Division & District of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority, 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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**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)

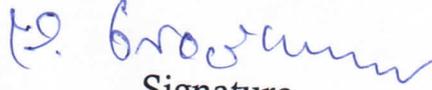
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**Recommendation of the State Government:-**

(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.63/Section-II/2018, Dated.11-01-2018 for diversion of 123.82 Ha of forest land for setting up of Science City under Capital City Infrastructure Development Projects in Mothadaka Forest Block, Guntur Division & District of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority)

**“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 123.82 Ha of forest land for setting up of Science City, in favour of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority”**

  
Signature

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

Date: 11-1-2018

Place: Velagapudi