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

Letter No.EFS01-12021/84/Section-II/2018

Dated: 14-09-2018

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

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.

Diversion of 0.39 Ha. of forest land in Tarimela RF, Ananthapuramu Division for construction of Percolation Tank, in favour of Technical Director, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu – Proposals under Forest (Conversation) Act., 1980-Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Lr. No.8256/2016/FCA-1, dt.29-7-2018.

I am to 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 0.39 Ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 901, Compt. No.487, Tarimela RF, Singanamala mandal, Ananthapuramu Division for construction of Percolation Tank, in favour of Technical Director, Rural Development Trust (N.G.O.),

- I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu has furnished justification stating that Ananthapuram District is one among the districts of arid region of Rayalaseema and most drought affected area in the country. The ground water table has plummeted alarmingly in this area due to scarcity of rainfall and excess extraction of ground water. Hence, in order to prevent this area from desertification and also to provide some relief from suffering for both drinking water and for protective irrigation at about 703 acres belongs to poor farmers and fall in Below Poverty Line, there is no alternative suitable area other than the area proposed for diversion and the area required for the project is barest minimum area for the purpose for which it is proposed. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The District Collector, Ananthapuramu have 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 unique file No. FP/AP/Others/33635/2018, 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
- 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 0.39 Ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 901, Compt. No.487, Tarimela RF, Singanamala mandal, Ananthapuramu Division for construction of Percolation Tank, in favour of Technical Director, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Rigoco Cully for Principal Secretary to Government

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, Forests & Climate Change, including Part-V as enclosed.

The Technical Director, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu

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

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.EFS01-12021/84/Section-II/2018, Dated.14-09-2018 for diversion of 0.39 Ha. of forest land in Tarimela RF, Ananthapuramu Division construction of Percolation Tank, in favour of Technical Director, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu)

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 0.39 Ha. of forest land in Tarimela RF, Ananthapuramu Division construction of Percolation Tank, in favour of Technical Director, Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu"

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Principal Signative Government A.P(Officialisexi) agapudi,

Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Place: Amazavati