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

Letter No. EFS01-12021/88/Section.II/2018

Dated:14-09-2018

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 433.88 Ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli & Palakonda RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 96.50 to KM 119.00 under Package No.03/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi)Division, Proddatur - Proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980-Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, AP, Lr. No.5163/2016/FCA-1, Dt.10-8-2018.

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 433.88 Ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli & Palakonda RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 96.50 to KM 119.00 under Package No.03/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi) Division, Proddatur.

- 2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS Division, Proddatur has submitted justification stating that the area proposed for diversion is for earth work excavation of GNSS Main canal 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, YSR Kadapa 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 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.

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 433.88 Ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli & Palakonda RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 96.50 to KM 119.00 under Package No.03/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi) Division, Proddatur, 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, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi)Division, Proddatur, YSR Kadapa District- 516360.

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.EFS01-12021/88/Section.II/2018, Dated.14-09-2018 for diversion of 433.88 Ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli & Palakonda RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 96.50 to KM 119.00 under Package No.03/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi)Division, Proddatur).

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 433.88 Ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli & Palakonda RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS Division, Proddatur".

> Signature
> Principal Secretary to Government ENvamenen Designationence & Technology Department
> A.P(Sittretalia) Callagapudi,

Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Date: 18-09-2018

Place: Amorravathi