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

Letter No.682/Section.II/2022/(1680899)

Dated:13.04.2022

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
A.P. Secretariat,
Velagapudi

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 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment No.10, Yekkavuru RF of Kasibugga Range, Srikakulam for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad - Proposal submitted under section 2 of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.no.EFS02-15027/3/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: 20.03.2022.

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 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment No.10, Yekkavuru RF of Kasibugga Range, Srikakulam for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad, has furnished justification stating that the site is well covered with water sources of brackish water at Northern part of the site, Mahendra Tanaya River, sea water at eastern side i.e. Bay of Bengal & freshwater from southern side of the site. The availability of these waters make the site suitable for taking up freshwater, brackish water and seawater aquaculture activities. To take sea water from Bay of Bengal for the said project laying of pipeline through forest land is required as forest land is lying between the project site and Bay of Bengal. The small part of pipeline falls in the Coastal Reserve Forest, which was notified by the Survey of India. For the previously mentioned, unavoidable reasons an alternative location for the proposed activity was not a option thus making it a mandate to be proposed near but outside the reserved forest. The User Agency has

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furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV and CA etc. The District Collector, Srikakulam District has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique file No.FP/AP/Pipeline/14902/2021 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned District Forest Officer, the Chief 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.

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 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment No.10, Yekkavuru RF of Kasibugga Range, Srikakulam Division for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N- Jagadeeswou. for SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy to:

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

The Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board, Department of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy, Government of India, Hyderabad.



(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.682/Section.II/2022, Dated. 13.04.2022 for diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment No.10, Yekkavuru RF of Kasibugga Range, Srikakulam for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad)

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 0.39 ha of forest land in compartment No.10, Yekkavuru RF of Kasibugga Range, Srikakulam for laying sea water inlet pipeline from sea to the NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) site at Mulapolam in favour of Executive Director, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad."

Signature
Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S., Special Secretary to Government Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 13-04-2012

Place: AMARAVATI