

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

Letter No.299/Section. II/2022/(1641202)

Dated:16.03.2022

From  
The Special Chief 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 1.11 ha of forest land in Compartment No.184 & 185 of Eddupenta RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for laying Gravity main-3 pipeline to provide drinking water and irrigation facilities to 68 tanks in the upland areas of Kurnool District on the left side of HNSS main canal Phase-I, in favour of Executive Engineer, MIW Division, Kurnool - Proposal submitted under section 2 of F(Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Ref.No.EFS02-15027/1/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/  
FCA-1, Dated: 03.02.2022.

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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 1.11 ha of forest land in Compartment No.184 & 185 of Eddupenta RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for laying Gravity main-3 pipeline to provide drinking water and irrigation facilities to 68 tanks in the upland areas of Kurnool District on the left side of HNSS main canal Phase-I, in favour of Executive Engineer, MIW Division, Kurnool.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. the Executive Engineer, M.I.Works Division, Kurnool, has furnished justification stating that the Government of Andhra Pradesh have accorded sanction for the project i.e., providing drinking water and irrigation facilities to 68 tanks in the upland areas of Kurnool District on the left side of the HNSS main canal Phase-I, for Rs.253.72 crore. The project will improve the living standards of the people in the area. As a part of the project, part of gravity main-3 pipeline falls under Compartment No.184 & 185 of Eddupenta Reserve Forest, Malyala Beat, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division in Kurnool District. As the water is carried through gravity main pipelines from the delivery system, elevation required for maintaining the water head is very essential. The proposed forest area over an extent of 1.11 ha is found to be the best possible way for maintaining the required water head without increasing the length of the pipeline. Further, the user agency has justified that, all the efforts were put to avoid the forest land but they could not avoid the forest totally. The proposed forest land is unavoidable and the barest minimum and there is no other alternative. The User Agency has identified the CA land to an extent of 1.13 ha in Sy.No.378/2, Sunkesula Village, Owk Mandal, Dhone Range of Kurnool District for compensatory afforestation purpose. The User Agency has furnished undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, NPV, addl.NPV and tree extraction charges etc. The District Collector, Kurnool 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/IRRIG/150316/2021 has been generated for this proposal. The District Forest Officer, Kurnool has prepared the CA scheme over an extent of 1.13 ha of non-forest land with outlay of Rs.12.908 lakh for a period of (12) years i.e. from 2023-24 to 2034-35. The concerned District 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.

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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 1.11 ha of forest land in Compartment No.184 & 185 of Eddupenta RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for laying Gravity main-3 pipeline to provide drinking water and irrigation facilities to 68 tanks in the upland areas of Kurnool District on the left side of HNSS main canal Phase-I, in favour of Executive Engineer, MIW Division, Kurnool, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswaru  
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

**Copy to:**

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

The Executive Engineer, MIW Division, Kurnool-518004

## **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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### **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.299/Section.II/2022, Dated.16.03.2022 for diversion of 1.11 ha of forest land in Compartment No.184 & 185 of Eddupenta RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for laying Gravity main-3 pipeline to provide drinking water and irrigation facilities to 68 tanks in the upland areas of Kurnool District on the left side of HNSS main canal Phase-I, in favour of Executive Engineer, MIW Division, Kurnool)

**“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 1.11 ha of forest land in Compartment No.184 & 185 of Eddupenta RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for laying Gravity main-3 pipeline to provide drinking water and irrigation facilities to 68 tanks in the upland areas of Kurnool District on the left side of HNSS main canal Phase-I, in favour of Executive Engineer, MIW Division, Kurnool.”**

  
Signature

Name & Designation  
(Official Seal)

Date: 16-03-2022

Place: AMARAVATI

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