

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

Letter No.2523/Section-II/2023/2280479

Dated 15.12.2023

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

To
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Sub-office of the Regional Office,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.282 of Tripuranthakapuram RF, Sathyavedu Range, Chittoor East Division (presently in Tirupati division) for providing CPWS Scheme i.e., digging of 5 Nos. bore wells and laying 160 mm dia pipeline for supply of water to Beerakuppam and (9) other Villages of Nagalapadu Mandal, Sathyavedu Constituency, Chittoor District in favour of Executive Engineer, RWS Division, Tirupati - Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Request - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, Mangalagiri Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15021/7/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 06.11.2023.

I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri in the reference cited, has furnished statutory proforma proposal and online application No.FP/AP/Others/138915/2021, dated 31.03.2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

2. In this regard, the PCCF & HoFF has stated that Executive Engineer, RWS Division, Tirupati has initiated a proposal (Unique No.FP/AP/Others/138915/2021) on PARIVESH portal for diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment No.282 of Tripuranthakapuram RF, Sathyavedu Range, Chittoor East Division (presently in Tirupati division) for providing CPWS Scheme i.e., digging of 5 Nos. bore wells and laying 160 mm dia pipeline for supply of water to Beerakuppam and (9) other Villages of Nagalapadu Mandal, Sathyavedu Constituency, Chittoor District. The proposal was forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East through PARIVESH portal, for processing as per the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003. The Divisional Forest Officer, Tirupati has processed and submitted the proposal to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Tirupati Circle, Tirupati duly recommending in PART-II. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Tirupati Circle, Tirupati has submitted the proposal recommending in PART-III. The details of the proposal are as follows:

i) **The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-I:**

- For locating the project in forest area, the User Agency has justified that, Beerakuppam and 9 other Villages in Sathyavedu Constituency of Chittoor District consists 4613 population. At present, the said villages have PWS schemes with source of bore wells. The said villages are located in boulder zone underlying by weathered rock. During summer, the existing sources are getting dried up and villagers are facing acute scarcity of drinking water. Hence, CPWS scheme will provide sufficient drinking water during summer season.

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- Cost of the project Rs.300.00 lakh.
- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- Project does not require of Cost-Benefit analysis.
- Employment likely to be generated due to this project is permanent in 20 number of persons and temporary employment to 1200 number of man days.
- Furnished RoFR (Form-I) certificate issued by the Collector & District Magistrate, Chittoor.
- The User Agency has submitted undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, NPV and tree extraction charges etc.

ii. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East has furnished the following information in part-II:

- Site was inspected on 23.07.2022.
- Forest land required for the project is 0.20 ha i.e., digging 5 Nos. bore well and laying 160 mm dia pipeline for water supply to the rural areas. The forest area is falling in Compartment No.282, Tripuranthakapuram RF, S.K. Maddugu Beat, Sathyavedu Range, Chittoor East (presently in Tirupati division).
- Tripuranthakapuram RF is notified under Section 4 vide G.O.Ms.No.1884, F&A, dt.15.7.1965.
- Density of vegetation is 0.10.
- There will be no impact of project on the soil erosion in the proposed area.
- The proposed site is passing through the RF from one end to another end.
- There are no trees are existing in the proposed area.
- The proposed area for diversion does not fall under National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and elephant corridor etc.
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed diversion area.
- There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land required for diversion is the barest minimum.
- No violations were taken place in the proposed area.

3. The PCCF & HoFF, has further stated that the Conservator of Forests, Tirupati Circle, Tirupati has agreed with the field inspection report and PART-II information of the then DFO, Chittoor East and recommended the Proposal in PART-III. The PCCF (FCA) & Nodal Officer has also recommended the proposal in Part-IV for diversion of the forest land.

4. I enclose herewith the statutory proforma proposal of the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., together with its enclosures duly recommending in Part-V with a request to obtain and communicate the approval of GoI, MoEF&CC, RO, Chennai for diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.282 of Tripuranthapuram RF, Sathyavedu Range, Chittoor East Division (presently in Tirupati division) for providing CPWS Scheme i.e., digging of 5 Nos. bore wells and laying 160 mm dia pipeline for supply of water to Beerakuppam and (9) other Villages of Nagalapadu Mandal, Sathyavedu Constituency, Chittoor District in favour of Executive Engineer, RWS Division, Tirupati, under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri..... for information.

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division,
Chenna Reddy Colony, Tirupati-517501....for information.

PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.282 of Tripuranthapuram RF, Sathyavedu Range, Chittoor East Division (presently in Tirupati division) for providing CPWS Scheme i.e., digging of 5 no. bore wells and laying 160 mm dia pipeline for supply of water to Beerakuppam and (9) other Villages of Nagalapadu Mandal, Sathyavedu Constituency, Chittoor District in favour of Executive Engineer, RWS Division, Tirupati.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature



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Name & Designation

Special Secretary to Government,
Env. Enrichment, Forests, Soil & Technology Department,

A. P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,

Official Seal

Amaravati-522503

Date: 15/12/2023

Place: AMARAVATI

