

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

Letter No.5104/Section.II/2018

Dated.13-12-2018

From
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,

Sub: Diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land in Venkatagiri Hill RF & Inagaluru RF in Nellore and Chittoor Districts for excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works in favour of Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati - Proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Reg.

Ref: From PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Lr. Rc.No. 10384/2017/FCA-1,
dated: 06.11.2018.

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 20.72 Ha. of forest land in Venkatagiri Hill RF & Inagaluru RF in Nellore and Chittoor Districts for excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works in favour of Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati.

2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. Executive Engineer, SSLC & SB Division No.3 Kothuru has submitted justification stating that the area proposed for diversion is for earth work excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link 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.

3. The District Collectors, Chittoor and SPSR Nellore have 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.

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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 20.72 Ha. of forest land in Venkatagiri Hill RF & Inagaluru RF in Nellore and Chittoor Districts for excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works in favour of Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati, 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 Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, WLM Tirupati.

PART-V

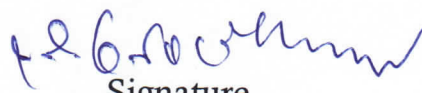
(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

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.5104/Section.II/2018, dated. 13-12-2018 for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land in Venkatagiri Hill RF & Inagaluru RF in Nellore and Chittoor Districts for excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works in favour of Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati).

“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land for excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal including CM & CD works in favour of Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati”.


Signature

Name & Designation

(Official Seal)

G. ANANTHA RAMU, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Date: 13-12-2018

Place: Amaravati