

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi.

Sir,

Ref.no. EFS02-15027/12/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1,
Dt:30/01/2022.

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in
- Kadapa and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Divisions) of forest land for erection
of obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour
of Airport Director, Airport Authority of India, Kadapa - In-principle/Stage-I
approval accorded - Compliance report submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1. GoI, MoEF, R.O., Chennai, F.no.4-APB102/2020-Vij/1, dated
- 07.12.2020.
2. Govt.Memo.no.4264/Section. II/2019, EFS&T (S.II) Dept.,
Dt.14.12.2020.
3. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur, Ref.no.EFS02-15027/12/2018-FCA-SEC-
PCCF/FCA-1, dt.04.01.2021.
4. CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.no.2150/2018-TO, dt. 24.01.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Government of India in the reference 1st cited,
have accorded in-principle/Stage-I approval for diversion of 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in
Kadapa and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Divisions) of forest land for erection of
obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour of Airport
Director, Airport Authority of India, Kadapa, subject to certain conditions
stipulated therein.

The Government in the reference 2nd cited, while communicating the
Stage-I approval accorded by the Government of India, have requested to furnish
condition-wise compliance report.

The Conservator of Forest, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool in the reference 4th
cited has submitted the condition-wise compliance report, which is as follows;

Sl. no.	Condition stipulated by GoI in the Stage-I approval	Compliance submitted
1.	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged and also furnished the undertaking furnished by the User Agency to comply with the condition (Annexure-I).

2.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that, the DFOs, Proddatur WL and Kadapa have reported that the User agency furnished an undertaking stating that demarcation of the boundary of diverted forest land would be done as per the directions of the concerned DFOs. (Annexure-II).									
3.	Ten times the trees to be felled under the project shall be planted and maintained as compensatory afforestation by the Forest Department in the identified degraded forest land in Compt.No. 567, Kanumalopalli Ext. A RF, Kanumalopalli Beat of Kadapa Range and over 0.25 ha in Compt.No.76 of Chennamukapalli RF, Bayanapalli Beat of Proddatur Range at the cost of the user agency;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the user agency has deposited Rs.1.690 lakh (Rupees: One Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Only) into CAMPA account by generating e-challan in the Ministry's web portal for raising compensatory afforestation in the identified degraded forest land to an extent of 0.25 ha in Compartment no.76 of Chennamukapalli RF, Bayanapalli Beat of Proddatur Range of Proddatur WL Division and Rs.1.6160 Lakh (Rupees: One Lakh Sixty One Thousand and Six Hundred only) for raising Compensatory afforestation in Compt.No. 567, Kanumalopalli Ext. A RF, Kanumalopalli Beat of Kadapa Range, Kadapa Division (Annexure-III).									
4.	Identified degraded forest area for compensatory afforestation and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	The identified degraded forest area for compensatory afforestation and CA scheme will not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.									
5.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.04 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Dt.30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in W.P (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), Dt.18.09.2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03.10.2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.	<p>The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency deposited Rs.0.805 Lakh for area of 0.02 ha to be diverted in Proddatur WL Division and Rs.0.48180 Lakh (Rs.0.0803 Lakh for 0.1 ha (1 time) and Rs.0.4015 ha for 0.1 ha (5 times) for the area of 0.02 to be diverted in Kadapa Division towards NPV by generating challan from the Ministry's web site (Annexure-V)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="735 1780 1401 2011"> <tr> <td colspan="3">(Rs.in lakh)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	(Rs.in lakh)								
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6.	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-VI) .		
7.	The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-VI) .		

8.	All the funds received from the User agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)	<p>The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency deposited all the funds (Rs.4.59280 lakh) (Rupees: Four Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand and Two Hundred Eighty Only) towards CA & NPV into CAMPA account through the portal (Annexure-VIII).</p> <p>Payment details:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="735 600 1404 1704"> <tr> <td colspan="3">(Rs. in lakh)</td></tr> <tr> <td>CA</td><td>Proddatur</td><td>1.69000</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Kadapa</td><td>1.61600</td></tr> <tr> <td>NPV</td><td>Proddatur</td><td>0.80500</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Kadapa</td><td>0.48180</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Total:</td><td>4.59280</td></tr> </table>	(Rs. in lakh)			CA	Proddatur	1.69000		Kadapa	1.61600	NPV	Proddatur	0.80500		Kadapa	0.48180		Total:	4.59280
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9.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-IX) .																		
10.	The forest land proposed to be	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle,																		

	diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India;	Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-X) .
11.	All conditions recommended by the SC-NBWL and as communicated to State Government vide MoEF & CC Lr.No.6-48/2020 WL, Dt.07.08.2020 shall be complied with by the user agency & Forest Department at the cost of the user agency.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XI).
(A) Conditions imposed by the Chief Wildlife Warden		
1)	Disturbance to the movement of wildlife in the proposed area should be avoided.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-I) .
2)	All safety measures shall be taken to avoid any possible accidents and structural failures.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-II) .
3)	After erection of tower whenever the user agency requires any repairs and replacements they should take permission from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Forest Department for entering into the Reserve forests/protected areas.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-III) .
4)	Publicity boards of movement of Wildlife will be erected at appropriate locations by the user agency in consultations with the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-IV) .
5)	For protection and preservation of wildlife in Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Corridor area an amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs (Ten lakhs) should be deposited in the Bio-Diversity Conservation Society of Andhra	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-V) .

	Pradesh (BIOSAP), Forest Department for implementation of protection and conservation measures in Wildlife areas impacted by the project.	
(B)	Conditions imposed by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)	
1)	User agency and Andhra Pradesh Forest Department should ensure that minimum numbers of trees are cut. The trees which need to be cut should be identified before and demarcated property and should be cut under the supervision of the local DFOs, cleaning of scrub forests (which are crucial habitats for Jerdon's Courser) should not be permitted.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-VI) .
2)	All construction activities should be manual and to be carried out during day time. Use of heavy machineries should be prohibited. construction of any approach/ access road should not be permitted inside the forest land. Labour camps should be established atleast 1.0 Km away from any forest land.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-VII) .
3)	The user agency should ensure that no labour gets involved in any unlawful activity within forest.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-VIII) .
4)	No construction material (including soil, stones etc.) should be collected from the forest, the top soil should be first gathered, piled aside and covered with a tarpaulin or other suitable material. The top soil should be re-spread as early as possible over the excavated area after completion of the work. Construction debris should not be dumped inside the forest areas and they should be transported by the user agency to suitable dumping sites	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-IX) .

	outside the forest.	
12.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the user agency uploaded the compliance report on the e-portal.
13.	Materials to be used for construction purpose should be brought from outside the forest area;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XIII) .
14.	Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XIV).
15.	The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees wherever feasible, instead of felling at the cost of user agency;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XV) .
16.	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.04 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purposed other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XVI) .
17.	The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Court orders and Guidelines of the Ministry for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XVII) .
18.	Any other condition that the Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XVIII) .

	complied by the User agency;	
19.	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the Rules and Guidelines issued by MoEF & CC in this regard;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted that the User Agency agreed and furnished an undertaking to comply with the condition (Annexure-XIX) .

The Compliance report submitted by the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool is submitted herewith.

Government are requested to submit the compliance report to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for taking necessary action under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully,
N Prateep Kumar Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for information.
Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Proddatur WL and Kadapa Divisions for information.

