

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to
Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
& Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Guntur District.

Ref.no.EFS02-15029/7/2021-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:26.03.2024.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 - Proposal for Diversion of **4.84 ha** forest land in compartment no.102, Janapadu RF, Palnadu Division for quarry lease for Limestone (Minor) in favour of Sri G. Pavan Kumar Reddy - In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded -Condition Wise compliance report - Submission - Reg.

- Ref:-
1. MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada Lr.No.4-APB189/2022-VIJ/831, Dt.07-04-2023 received through GoAP Memo No.1924/Sec-II/2022/1820662, EFS &T (Sec-II) Dt.11.04.2023.
 2. Prl.CCF (HoFF) A.P, Mangalagiri Rc.No.EFS02-15029/7/2021-FCA-SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dt:21-04-2023.
 3. DFO, Palnadu Rc.no.1297/2021-TO, dt.06.02.2024.
 4. CCF, Guntur Rc.no.1267/2021/TO, dt.13.02.2024

It is submitted that, Government in the reference 1st cited have issued in-principle Stage-1 approval for Diversion of **4.84 ha** forest land in compartment no.102, Janapadu RF, Palnadu Division for quarry lease for Limestone (Minor) in favour of Sri G. Pavan Kumar Reddy duly requesting to furnish compliance report on conditions stipulated therein.

In this regard, based on the reports furnished by the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Guntur in the reference 4th cited the following compliance report is submitted hereunder as detailed below

GoI Condition no.	Conditions imposed by the GOI	Compliance report
1	2	3
(i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	The User Agency has given an undertaking stating that the status of forest land will remain un-changed.
(ii)	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars by numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency. The User Agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety Zone;	The District Forest Officer, Palnadu has reported that the User Agency has demarcated the forest area proposed for diversion by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars 53+53= 106 nos duly numbered at an interval of 20 Meters. The details with Geo - Coordinates and photos are enclosed herewith. Further, the User Agency has given an undertaking that they will ensure demarcation of the boundary of the safety zone (7.5 Meters strip all along the boundary within the mining lease area) as per Acts and Rules.

(iii).	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain plantation identified in the non forest land over an extent of 4.1ha out of 5.20ha i.e 4.41ha in Sy.No.5-1,5-3A, 5-4, 5-5, 6-2,9-2 of Yekunapuram Village and 0.79ha in Sy.No.7-1 of Yekunapuram Village in Prakasam District from the funds to be provided by the User Agency. User Agency shall ensure fencing of the CA area at its cost;	The User Agency has deposited / transferred an amount of Rs.90,54,000/- (Rupees Ninety lakhs fifty four Thousand only) in A.P. State CAMPA fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide application No.68155444263, dt:18.01.2024, towards Compensatory Afforestation. A copy of the Challan is submitted herewith.
(iv).	The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 5.20ha i.e 4.41ha in Sy.No.5-1,5-3A, 5-4, 5-5, 6-2,9-2 of Yekunapuram Village and 0.79ha in Sy.No.7-1 of Yekunapuram Village in Prakasam District for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to stage-II approval. A Copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under section-4 or section 29 of the Indian Forest Act.1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act, may be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage -II approval;	The District Forest Officer, Palnadu has reported that the User Agency was transferred and mutated the entire non-forest land identified for raising of Compensatory Afforestation over an extent of 5.24 ha in Sy.no. 5-1,5-3A, 5-4, 5-5, 6-2,9-2, and 7-1 of Yekunampuram Village of Chandrashekhara Puram Mandal, Prakasam District in favour of the State Forest Department vide Registration document no.4376/2023, Dt: 02-05-2023. The Copies of the mutation, registration documents are submitted herewith. Further, it is submitted that non-Forest CA land notified U/s-24 of AP forest Act, 1967 and the same are enclosed herewith. The details are submitted herewith. 1.Veligonda Block East Extn.-I (4.45ha) 2. Veligonda Block East Extn.-II (0.79ha)
(v).	The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	The user agency has given an undertaking that the CA area and CA scheme will not be changed without prior approval of the Central Govt.
(vi).	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land measuring 4.84Ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No.826 in 566 with related to Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued dated 22.03.2022.	The User Agency has deposited / transferred an amount of Rs. 46,35,656/- (Rupees Forty six lakhs thirty five thousand six hundred fifty six only) in A.P. State CAMPA fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide application No.68155444263, dt: 18.01.2024 towards Net Present Value for the proposed diversion of 4.84Ha of Forest land. A copy of the challan is submitted herewith.
(vii).	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land -if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme	The User Agency has given undertaking stating that the additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any

	Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future as per demand received from the Forest Department is enclosed.
(viii).	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (http:// parivesh.nic.in/);	The User Agency has deposited /transferred all the requisite funds as per Stage-I approval to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/).
(ix).	Dumping shall be carried out within the earmarked extent of area as specified in the mining plan. The User Agency shall ensure stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/ benching so as to ensure that that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°;	The District Forest Officer, Palnadu reported that the User Agency , has given an undertaking that the dumping will be carried out within the earmarked extent of the area as specified in the mining plan. The User Agency has also under taken that they will ensure stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/ benching so as to ensure that the angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°;
(x).	The User Agency shall use only road existing in the revenue land to approach the mining site and in any case the UA shall not enter the mining site through RF area or use the mud road / pathway which is existing in the RF area;	The User Agency has given an undertaking that they will use only the road existing in the revenue land to approach the mining site. Further, they will not enter into the mining site through RF area or use the mud road/ pathway which is existing in the RF area;
(xi).	As the mining plan submitted for the first 5 years of the mining lease period. The Approved mining plan shall be submitted to IRO, Vijayawada before commencement of mining activity from 6th year onward;	The User Agency has given undertaking that the approved mining plan will be submitted to IRO, Vijayawada before the commencement of mining activity from 6th year onward.
(xii).	The State Forest Department shall ensure in house monitoring of the project site every year and such monitoring report shall be submitted to IRO, Vijayawada through State Government.	The User Agency has given undertaking that they will cooperate with the monitoring of the project site every year by the forest department.
(xiii).	In case the mining lease is adjoining habitation, the stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation /roads should be properly fenced by the User Agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation / regeneration activities in the safety zone;	The User Agency given undertaking for fencing around the entire mining area including the safety zone and road under the supervision of the State Forest Department at their own project cost. Further the User Agency has given undertaking that they will pay the additional amount if any becoming due after revision in future as per demand received from Forest Department.
(xiv).	Safety zone shall be maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken up by the User Agency at	The User Agency has given undertaking that the Safety Zone will be maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, and

	the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;	regeneration activity will be taken up by me at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department.
(xv).	The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land over an extent of 1.155ha (one and half times the safety zone area) in degraded forest area in compartment No.127, Kondaveedu RF, Ameenabad Beat of Guntur Range of Guntur Division in lieu of Safety Zone area of 0.77Ha;	The User Agency has deposited / Transferred an amount of Rs.2370000/- (Rupees Twenty three lakh seventy thousand only) towards fencing and regeneration in SZA. It is deposited in "A.P. State CAMPA fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide application No.68155444263, dt:18.01.2024.
(xvi).	The State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4) , if any, located in the area within 100 meters from the outer perimeter of the mining lease using native species at the project cost;	The User Agency has deposited / Transferred, an amount of Rs.250000/- (Rupees Two lakhs fifty thousand only) "A.P. State CAMPA fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide application No.68155444263, dt: 18.01.2024 towards gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4)
(xvii).	The User Agency shall undertake mining and reclamation as per the approved mining plan, and submit an annual compliance report to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada;	The User Agency has given undertaking that the mining activities will be done as per the approved mining plan with due care for the reclamation of the mined over area under the supervision and directions of the Forest Department.
(xviii).	The diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period of co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act 2015, or Rules framed there under. The User Agency shall submit a copy of the mining lease & letter of Intent (LoI) once obtained, to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for record;	The User Agency given undertaking that the copy of the mining lease & letter of Intent (LoI) will be submitted after getting stage-II final approval.
(xix).	The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986 and shall comply with directions in the Supreme Court order dated 27.02.2012 in SLP 19628-19629 of 2009 in the matter of Deepak Kumar etc vs State of Haryana related to such minor mineral quarrying projects;	The User Agency has given undertaking that they will obtain environmental clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, and submit it after getting Stage-II approval.
(xx).	Consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained	The User Agency has given undertaking that they will

	under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be reviewed regularly;	obtain and produce the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 from the competent authority before commencement of mining activities..
(xxi).	No labour camps shall be established on the forest land, The User Agency shall provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;	The User Agency has given undertaking that they will abide & follow by this condition. It is also submitted that the directions of Forest Department will be followed for taking up activities of dumping the excavated earth/ material in staggered manner gradient wise and plant the areas to facilitate concurrent reclamation of the mining area at our cost.
(xxii).	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	The User Agency has given undertaking that they will abide by this condition.
(xxiii).	The User Agency and State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Act, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;	The User Agency has given undertaking that they will abide by this condition.
(xxiv).	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.84ha (including safety zone area) . The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has given undertaking will abide by this condition and the total forest area utilized for the project shall not be exceeding 4.84 Ha (including safety zone area).
(xxv).	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;	The User Agency has given undertaking that they will abide by this condition.
(xxvi).	Any other conditions 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 complied by the User Agency.	The User Agency has given undertaking to this effect is submitted herewith.
(xxvii).	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/guidelines issued under FCA 1980.	The User Agency has given undertaking to this effect is submitted herewith.
(xxviii).	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (http://parivesh.nic.in/)	Complied with

Further, with reference to the instructions issued by this office to comply with the following two conditions in accordance with the Govt. of India instructions issued cited vide F.no.7-23/2012-FC, dt.24.07.2013 communicated in Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) AP, Mangalagiri Rc.no.45921/2001-F4, dated. 23.08.2013 and publish the orders at the cost of the project proponent has furnished compliance as detailed below.

Sl. no.	Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, conditions	Compliance
1	2	3
1.	Publish the entire forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central Government in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and another in English language, so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non-forestry purposes.	The User Agency has published the entire forest clearances granted to the above project in English language i.e., Eenadu, dated: 11.05.2023, District Edition and Deccan chronicle, dt: 11.05.2023 copies of the same enclosed herewith.
2	The copies of the Forest clearance should also be submitted to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies by the project proponents in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same in 30 days.	The copies of the forest clearance were displayed in the notice board of Panchayat office Janapadu Village and MPDO Office, Piduguralla, Dt.26.4.2023 and the acknowledgement are herewith submitted for kind perusal.

In view of the above, Government are requested to forward the compliance report to the MoEF&CC, RO, GoI, Chennai for taking necessary action under the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Rules, 2023.

The compliance report in (2) sets is submitted herewith.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully
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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
Head of Forest Force

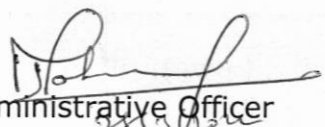
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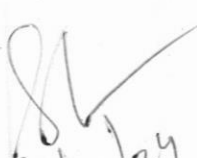
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28/03/24