

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From Sri Ajay Kumar Naik, IFS, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, 'Aranya Bhavan' Managalagiri – 522503.	To The Spl.Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forest, Science & Technology department, A.P Secretariat, Amaravati, Velagapudi- 522 503.
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Rc.No.EFS02-15024/1/2022-FCA-1, dt.13-07-2025

Sir,

Sub:-	AP - FD – F(C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 22.51 ha i.e., 3.21 ha. of fresh forest land in Panyam RF, Compartment no.145 (Bit-1 & 2) of Bugganapalli Beat, Compartment no.147 (Bit-3,4&5) and Compartment no.137 & 148 (Bit-6 & 7) of Konided Beat, Panyam Section, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division and re-diversion of 19.30 ha in Compartment no.145, 147 & 148 of Panyam RF, Konided Beat, Panyam Range, Kurnool Division (presently in Nandyal Division) for construction of new double line and electrification track between Dhone and Nandyal Stations in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Guntakal Division, South Central Railway, Guntakal – In-principle/Stage-1 approval accorded - Stage-I compliance report submission off – Reg.
Ref:-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online proposal No.FP/AP/RAIL/154617/2022, dt.20.04.2022. 2. G.M.No.1075/Section.II/2023/2094001, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dt.27.06.2023 communicated in PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Mangalagiri Rc.No.EFS02-15024/1/2022/FCA-1, dt.28.06.2023. 3. Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Rc.No.1091/2025-TO, dt.20.06.2025.

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Kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited.

In the reference 2nd cited, the State Government while communicating the in-principle/stage-I approval accorded by the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Chennai at Vijayawada for Online Proposal No. F.no.4-APB213/2023-VIJ/1012, dt.26.06.2023 for diversion of 22.51 ha i.e., 3.21 ha. of fresh forest land in Panyam RF, Compartment no.145 (Bit-1 & 2) of Bugganapalli Beat, Compartment no.147 (Bit-3,4&5) and Compartment no.137 & 148 (Bit-6 & 7) of Konided Beat, Panyam Section, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division and re-diversion of 19.30 ha in Compartment no.145, 147 & 148 of Panyam RF, Konided Beat, Panyam Range, Kurnool Division (presently in Nandyal Division) for construction of new double line and electrification track between Dhone and Nandyal Stations in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Guntakal Division, South Central Railway, Guntakal under subject to the certain conditions, has requested to furnish the compliance report.

In the reference 3rd cited (copy enclosed), the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted the compliance report to the conditions stipulated Stage – I approval

accorded by the GoI based on the report submitted by the District Forest Officer, Nandyal and Deputy Chief Engineer(Con), S.C.Railway, Guntakal which is as follows:

S.No	Conditions	Compliance on condition
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking stating that "the legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged" which is enclosed as Annexure-1 .
2	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from amount realized from the User Agency;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking stating that "the tender is under preparation for erecting cement concrete pillars and the work will be completed in about 90 days". Undertaking in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-2 .
3	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain plantation in degraded forestland identified over an extent of 6.42 Ha out of 10.02 ha has been identified in Compartment no.100 & 101, Gani RF from the funds to be provided by the User agency.	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle has reported that the user agency has paid an amount of Rs.75,10,000/- towards for Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal vide UTR No. SBIN 423264538219, dt.21.09.2023. It is also verified with "paid status" in PARIVESH 1.0 portal.
4	The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	Noted and Agreed.
5	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forestland measuring 22.51 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle has reported that the user agency has paid an amount of Rs.2,76,55,561/- towards NPV through e-portal vide UTR No. SBIN423264538219, dt.02.09.2023. It is also verified with "paid status" in PARIVESH 1.0 portal.
6	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 Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed in Annexure-3 .

	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;	
7	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal(https://parivesh.nic.in/).	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that an amount of Rs.3,51,65,561/- (towards CA and NPV) has been remitted by the User Agency through online mode vide UTR No. SBIN423264538219, dated 21.09.2023.
8	Considering the presence of fauna like Spotted deer etc the User Agency shall construct underpass / culverts at appropriate places (based on the usual route /crossing places and other such places wherever required) and dimensions of such underpass / culverts shall be dependent on nature of fauna existing in and around forest area proposed for diversion;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the User agency has reported that "As the doubling line is laid parallel to the existing line, it is hereby proposed to maintain the existing openings duly extending the same for doubling line. Construction of separate underpass / culverts may not be required".
9	All other mitigation measures required as per the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) prescribed for such linear projects shall be implemented, if necessary, at the cost of the User Agency	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking stating that "Mitigation plan will be prepared and submitted within 90 days and which is enclosed in Annexure-4 .
10	Tree felling shall be carried out wherever necessary under the strict supervision of the DFO concerned	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, tree felling will be carried out wherever necessary under the strict supervision of the concerned staff. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed in Annexure-5 .
11	While execution of the project, earth cutting involving excavation of huge quantity of materials, hence proper disposal plan to dispose such excavated material shall be implemented in consultation with the DFOs concerned and the UA shall not take soil from the nearby the forest areas for execution of the project and no additional path / road shall be made to execute the project;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-6 .

12	Proper SMC plan shall be prepared and implement to check soil erosion, at the project cost;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and which is enclosed in Annexure-7 .
13	Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-8 .
14	The DFOs shall monitor the project site regularly and submit such monitoring-reports to the IRO Vijayawada so as to take remedial measures, if required and the UA shall submit undertaking to comply with the same at the cost of the project;	Noted and Agreed. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-9 .
15	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-10 .
16	User Agency shall obtain environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable	The user agency has submitted that this condition is not applicable to Railway Projects.
17	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and which is enclosed in Annexure-11 .
18	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-12 .
19	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 has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-13 .
20	The forest land shall not be used	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has

	for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-14 .
21	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-15 .
22	Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and which is enclosed in Annexure-16 .
23	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 22.51 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-17 .
24	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-18 .
25	Any other condition that the Regional Officer, 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 Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-19 .
26	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 Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-20 .
27	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	Agreed.

In view of the above, the Government is requested to consider the above Stage-I compliance report and forward the same to the MoEF&CC, Government of India, RO, Chennai for sanction of stage-II approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

Encls: As above.

Yours faithfully,
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Head of Forest Force

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