

File No. 4-APB216/2023-VIJ
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment, Forests, Science and Technology
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi
Amaravati-522503

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 4.41 ha forest land for extraction of Quartz and Feldspar in compartment no.122, Chaganam RF Venkatagiri Range, Nellore Division in favour of M/s. Chettinad Morimura Semiconductor Material (Pvt.) Ltd, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh – regarding. (FP/AP/QRY/149784/2021)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh's letter No. 1072/Section.II/2023/2093031 dated 16.09.2023 and additional information submitted vide letter No. 1072/Section.II/2023/2093031 dated 24.10.2024 on the proposal mentioned in above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 26.12.2024. After examination of the proposal the Committee deferred the proposal for want of the following information:

- i. Justification and details of activities been proposed over common area and unutilized area, which is almost 50% area of the proposed area for diversion shall be provided.
- ii. The proposed NFL for CA is falling within the Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary as per the DSS analysis. The State Govt. shall provide status of this land as per the notification of the Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary and shall certify that the proposed NFL is not part of the WLS.
- iii. The State Govt. shall provide the information regarding availability of the quality minerals which will be collected from the proposed forest area as in the nearby closed mine the State Govt. has suggested that same was closed due to low quality of minerals.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information, as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Amravati.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office (Southern Zone), Chennai.
3. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Amravati.
4. The IGF (Central), Sub-Office Vijayawada.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.