

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 08th December, 2020,

To,

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Amaravati.

Sub: Diversion of 676.12 hectares of forest land in Rambilli and KalavalapalliRFS of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).–regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Andhra Pradesh letter's No.6252/Section. II/2010 dated 24th October, 2020 on the above mentioned subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 21.02.2018 and to say that examination of the said compliance report in the Ministry revealed following shortcomings:

- i. The user agency has not submitted Undertakings in respect of conditions no. (i), (x), (xiv), (xv), (xvi), (xvii), (xviii), (xix), (xx), (xxi), (xxii), (xxiii), (xxiv), (xxv), (xxvi), (xxvii), (xxviii), (xxix), (xxx), (xxxii), (xxxiii) & (xxxiv) with respect to the Stage-I approval of this Ministry's letter dated 21.02.2018.
- ii. The State Government has not submitted the lease agreement document specified in the lease agreement, neither has submitted any undertaking in this regard. The same is required before Stage-II approval.
- iii. The State Govt. has not submitted the shape files/KML files of the proposed for diversion and CA areas.
- iv. The State Govt. may submit the bifurcation of the compensatory levies submitted in the CAMPA Account. The amount of 25% of SMC is not reflected in the payment details as per PARIVESH web portal.
- v. The State Govt. is requested to provide the eco-class and canopy density of proposed diversion of the forest to ascertain the correct NPV value.

In view of the above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

(Brijendra Swaroop)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests (HoFF), Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
3. The Regional Officer, Regional Office (SEZ), MoEF&CC, Chennai.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.