

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) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites (Proprietor: Smt.Edavilli Akhila) Hyderabad for non-forestry use of 4.82 ha. of forest land for grant of quarry lease for black granite falling in Compartment No.227 of Basavapalli RF, Chittapara Beat, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District Hyderabad-reg. (Online proposal No. FP/AP/QR/121190/2021).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Andhra Pradesh's letter No. 980/Section.II/2022(1705732) dated 02.05.2022 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee (AC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act in its meeting held on 30.04.32024.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and based on the decision of the Advisory Committee, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is requested to submit the following inflammation / documents for further action in the matter:

- i. Out of 41 projects, 13 number of CA blocks were notified as Protected/Reserve Forests. Remaining 28 blocks are under process for notification. In this regard, the State Government is required to submit the notification of the remaining 28 blocks.
- ii. The State Govt. shall also provide details of action taken for violation of Adhiniyam, 1980 and for non-compliance of the stipulated condition along with action plan for reclamation of mines.
- iii. Further, there is another proposal (M/s Vasista Mines) adjacent to the instant proposal and as the sub-committee has also recommended that since the area and site is same, the specific recommendation made by the sub-committee may also be considered while processing the proposal. Accordingly, the instant proposal and proposal for M/s Vasista Mines may be

taken together. In this regard, the State Government /RO shall submit both the proposals with recommendation for a holistic decision in this matter so the conditions to be stipulated may be *mutatis mutandis* in the two cases.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

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.