

F. No.8-08/2020-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per e-signature

To

The Principal Secretary to the Government,
EFS&T Department. Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 409.53 Ha (387.13 ha Horizontal area as per ETS & DGPS Survey) of forest land in Keshavapur RF, Medchal- Malkajgiri District for construction of 10 TMC reservoir at Keshavapuram with associated components under Godavari river source for drinking water requirements to Hyderabad City in favour of HMWS&SB, Hyderabad. - Request to accept withdrawal of the proposal-reg. (Online Proposal No.FP /TG/WATER /36146/2018).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No. 2451/For.I(1)/ 2025 dated 24/11/2025 on the subject mentioned above. In this regard, the request received from the State Government regarding cancellation/withdrawal of approval granted under the Adhinyam has been examined in light of the provision of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, Rules and Guidelines made thereunder. Accordingly, the State Government may provide the following detail for the consideration of the Ministry:

1. The State Government has sought cancellation of Stage-I and Stage-II approvals and that compensatory levies deposited for the instant proposal may be used as advance payment for other proposals of the user agency. However, as rules and guidelines, use of compensatory levies deposited in a proposal to be used in another proposal as advance is not provided. Further, as per Rule 16(5) of Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Rules, 2023, the Central Government may cancel approvals and decide on refund of compensatory levies. Therefore, the State Government may consider submitting a request for refund of compensatory levies accordingly.
2. Component breakup of the compensatory levies realized from the user agency and deposited into the account of CAMPA along with the corresponding details of UTR No., dates, etc. of the transaction may be submitted by the State Government.
3. Updated status of utilization of the various compensatory levies, if any, realized from the user agency may be informed by the State. A justification for non-utilization after 5 years of Stage-II approval, if any, may be furnished

by the State Government.

4. Detail of non-forestry activity, if any, undertaken in the area diverted in favour of the user agency needs to be informed by the State.
5. Details of violation of the conditions of the approvals, if any, committed by the user agency in the forest area diverted may be informed by the State Government.
6. The final diversion order, if any issued by the State Government consequent to the final approval granted by the Ministry may be informed by the State Government along with status of its cancellation by the State pursuant to cancellation of the project by the State Government.
7. Status of the CA land pertaining to the instant proposal may be intimated including its transfer, mutation and notification, if any.
8. The State Government has mentioned that the CA land and compensatory levies are planned for use in other diversion proposals of HMW&SB that are under pipeline. The list of the said proposals and their present status is sought from the State Government.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai of MoEF&CC. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. Sub-office, Hyderabad of MoEF&CC.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.
5. User Agency