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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 16.39 ha of forest land in compartment No.750 of Tadepalli PF, D. Velamalakota Beat, Seethapalli Section, Sudikonda Range and Sy.No.37 & 38 of Maddiveedu, H/o. Tadepalli (V) Maredumili (M), Rampachodavaram Division for quarrying of Laterite in favour of President, Rajiv Tribal Q.L.C.C.S. Ltd. – (Online Proposal No. FP/AP/QRY/141630/2021)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh vide letter No. 1862/Section-II/2023/2189894 - dated 17.02.2025 submitted above subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say the after careful examination of the proposal following shortcomings have been observed which required to be submitted by the State Govt. for further necessary action in the matter:

- i. The State has provided 16.39 Ha DFL in lieu of shortfall of plantable area in NFL. As per Rule 13 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, DFL of twice the shortfall may be submitted.
- ii. As per the DSS analysis (Decision Rule 2), the proposed area falls in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone. The State Govt. shall justify the requirement of the same with cogent reasons.
- iii. The State Govt. shall clarify whether additional area is required for providing electricity/water etc facilities in the mining site.
- iv. As per the proposal the area proposed for road is 0.063 ha which is connected with another katcha road. The State Govt. shall clarify whether the this katcha road is forest land or otherwise. If the road is forest road the comments of the State Govt. shall be provided regarding applicability of the provisions of the VSESA, 1980.
- v. The State shall provide the complete kml showing the full boundary of the Tadepalli Protected Forest.

- vi. The State Govt. shall also provide the MoM of PSC with part-IV as per the provisions of the Guidelines issued dated 25.01.2024.

Yours faithfully,

(S Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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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. DDGF (Central) MoEF&CC, RO Chennai.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.