

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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**Indira ParyavaranBhawan,**  
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**Dated: 19th July, 2021,**

**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 Kalavalapalli RFS of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). -regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh letter No. 6252/Section-II/2010 dt 25.06.2021 in response to this Ministry letter dt 26.04.2021 informing that project relates to national security and is classified in nature and it is not desirable to host any matter pertaining to diversion of forest land on website/ open domain.

2. In this regard I am directed to inform that the matter was deliberated in the Ministry and it has been decided that the condition no. 2. A(V) imposed vide this Ministry's letter dt 25.03.2021, read as:-

*" A (v) The State Government shall upload the kml files of the area under diversion and the accepted degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency;"*

is hereby modified as:

*"A (v)The State Government shall upload the kml files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency;"*

In view of above the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is requested to comply to all the condition as imposed vide this Ministry's letter dt 25.03.2021 with the modification of condition 2 (A) (v) as modified above.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd-*

**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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States/UTs

- ii. The Regional Officer, All Integrated Regional Offices, MoEF&CC
- iii. The Nodal Officer (FCA), All State Forest Departments,
- iv. The User Agency.