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

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Dated: 09-08-2024

To

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
EFS & T Department, Telangana Secretariat,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Proposal for 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 representation of Shri AK Shukla, Scientist F, CCE (R&D) North, DRDO vide letter dated 18.06.2024 (copy enclosed) has requested to allow the proposals for change in land use through offline mode..

2. After the examination of the said request it has been observed that the instant proposal is related to the defence and national security. The same had been processed through offline mode earlier. Further, as per clause 1.4 (ii) of Chapter – 1 of “Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 which States that only exceptional cases, related to defence, public interest or emergent nature may be allowed by the Central Government to be submitted offline.

3. In this regard, the State Government is requested to allow the User Agency to submit the proposal for change in land use through offline mode.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Telangana.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's RO Chennai.
3. IGF (Central), sub office Hyderabad.
4. APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF (HoFF), Government of Telangana.
5. Shri A. K. Shukla, Scientist F, Gol, Ministry of Defence, DRDO, CCE (R&D) North, Development Enclave, Rao Tula Marg, Delhi Cantt-110010.
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Dated: 18 Jun 2024

To,

Inspector General of Forests
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SUB: - DIVERSION OF 676.12 HECTARES OF FOREST LAND IN RAMBILLI AND KALVAPALLI RFs OF VISAKHAPATNAM DIVISION IN FAVOUR OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (DRDO)

Ref: (i) Letter File No. 8-70/2010-FC, Paryavaran Bhawan New Delhi dated 19 July 2021

Please letter number cited above for the subject matter in which the issue was deliberated in the Ministry and condition No. 2 A(v) is hereby modified as under

"The state Government shall upload the kml files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in E-green watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to user agency."

The diversion land is exempted from uploading in FSI portal.

2. As per project requirement, the land use plan to be changed for already diverted forest land through Form -E.

3. The **Clause 1.4 (ii) of Chapter-1** of "Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 states –

"(ii) Proposals will be submitted and processed through PARIVESH portal only. No physical copy of proposal shall be insisted by any authority in the State or in Central Government. Only exceptional cases, related to defence, public interest or emergent nature, may be allowed by the Central Government to be submitted offline."

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4. Since the project is related to National Security (DRDO & Navy project) and is classified in nature which is under the above-mentioned clause and hence submission may be allowed in offline mode.

5. In view of above, it is requested to allow the submission of application for change of land use plan in offline mode as mentioned above.



(A K Shukla)
Scientist 'F'
for CCE(R&D)North

Copy to –

- (i) Director SPIC – for information please**
- (ii) Director CWE – for information please**

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