

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

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**Dated: 14th September, 2020**

To,

**The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Amaravati.

**Sub: Diversion of 365.66 hectare (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet +6.96 ha. for Pen stock+8.02 Ha for Intake Structure+ 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment Nos. 113,114,115,116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad (Online Proposal No. FP/AP/HYD/35371/2018)-- regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Andhra Pradesh letter's No.1926/ Section-II/2019 dated 25.08.2020 on the above mentioned subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 23.04.2020 read with letter dated 28.04.2020 and 13.05.2020. It is to inform that Compensatory Afforestation is one of the mandatory condition of approvals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and it is once again reiterated that State Government shall facilitate transfer of non forest land (NFL) for the purpose of the Compensatory Afforestation in compliance of 'in principle approval'. After examination of the compliance report in the Ministry following shortcomings were revealed:

- i. The State Government has not submitted approved scheme for improving canopy density from "open" to "moderately dense forest" to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e. 100 mts from the periphery of the HFL. The above scheme with the deposition of the admissible fund is required prior to Stage-II approval.
- ii. The User Agency has not complied the condition No. (vii) of the stage-I letter dt 23.04.2020 with respect to Compensatory Afforestation.
- iii. The State Govt. has not submitted a copy of certificate of the land is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments.
- iv. The compensatory levies has not been transferred by the user agency into CAMPA account through e-portal yet.
- v. The user agency has not submitted undertakings in respect of conditions no. (xix), (xxii), (xxiii), (xxiv), (xxv), (xxvi), (xxviii), (xxxii), (xxxiv) & (xxxviii) of the Stage-I approval dated 23.04.2020.
- vi. Mutation and Transfer details of non-forest land for CA in favour of State

Forest Department is not given by the State Government.

- vii. The State Govt./user agency has not uploaded complete compliance along with all fund, undertakings and plans/schemes of the Stage-I approval letter dated 23.04.2020 on the e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Before consideration of the instant proposal for Stage-II approval the State Government requested to upload the complete compliance report on PARIVESH portal of this Ministry.
- viii. The State Government has not furnished the approved muck disposal plan in accordance with EIA/EMP report.

In view of the above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

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2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980 O/o the PCCF, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
3. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office (SEZ), Chennai.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.