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

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Dated: March, 2026

To,

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests)
EFS&T Department
A.P Secretariat, Velagapudi
Amaravati- 522503.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in f/o Sri Kunam Brahmananda Reddy, Ongole for non-forestry use of 4.49 ha forest land in Compt. No. 127 of Kondaveedu RF of Ameenabad Beat, Guntur Range & Division for extraction of road metal & gravel in favour of M/s Dara Minerals, Managing Partner: Sri, Dara Appa Rao, R/o Yadavolu (V), Devarapalli (M), West Godavari District in the State of Andhra Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/AP/QRY/37853/2018)– regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Andhra Pradesh letter No. 3106/Section.II/2019 dated 08.11.2019 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal, Sub Office, of MoEF&CC, Vijayawada accorded '*in-principle*'/Stage-I approval vide letter dated 13.12.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh letter No. 3106/Section.II/2019/982251 dated 23.07.2025 and letter No. 3106/Section.II/2019/982251 dated 04.12.2025, **final approval/Stage - II** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.49 ha forest land in Compt. No. 127 of Kondaveedu RF of Ameenabad Beat, Guntur Range & Division for extraction of road metal & gravel in favour of M/s Dara Minerals, Managing Partner: Sri, Dara Appa Rao, R/o Yadavolu (V), Devarapalli (M), West Godavari District in the State of Andhra Pradesh, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

2. Demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency. The User Agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone;
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 4.73 ha non-forest land, now notified as Protected Forest in Sy Nos 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021 and 1022 in Allinagaram Village of Komarole Mandal of Prakasham District within two years from the date of final/Stage –II approval and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.
4. A minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted forest area shall be planted in the identified CA land. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
6. In case the quarry lease is adjoining habitation, the stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the User Agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/regeneration activities in the safety zone;
7. Safety zone shall be maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken up by the User Agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;
8. The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land in over 1½ times the extent of safety zone i.e. in 1.28 ha degraded forest land identified in compartment No.128B, Kondaveedu RF of Enamadal Beat, Guntur Section, Guntur Range and Division at the project cost.
9. The State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from the outer perimeter of the mining lease using native species at the project cost;
10. The User Agency shall undertake quarry operation and reclamation as per the approved quarry plan and shall submit an annual compliance report to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada;
11. The diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under. The User Agency shall submit a copy of the quarry lease once obtained, to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for record;
12. The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
13. Consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed regularly;
14. As the submitted mining plan is for a period of 5 years, revised mining plan

- shall be submitted to the IRO, Vijayawada for commencement of quarry operation from 6th year onwards;
15. Only temporary storage sheds shall be set up in the area and no permanent structure shall be constructed;
 16. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
 17. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
 18. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;
 19. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.49 ha (including safety zone area)**. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
 20. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
 21. The mitigative measures proposed for the protection of forest areas located adjacent to the quarry lease area shall be implemented from the first year itself at the project cost;
 22. The Central Government may impose any other condition from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency.
 23. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to: -

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

