

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Memo No.1517/Section-II/2023/2174733

Dated 23.10.2024

Sub: Diversion of 9.74 ha forest land for mining lease for Laterite in compartment No.606 and 609, Sarlanka RF, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division in favour of M/s. Bhaskara Minerals, Kakinada, EG District- Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Additional information called for - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF & HOFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/61/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 29.06.2023.
2)State Govt.Letter No.1517/Sec.II/2023/2174733, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 04.09.2023.
3)From the AIFG(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APC225/2023-VIJ/291, dated 16.04.2024.

The attention of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri is invited to the reference 3rd cited (copy enclosed), wherein the AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada has informed that the User Agency has identified non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation(CA) purpose **to an extent of 9.67 ha. only as against the proposed diversion of 9.74 of forest land.** It may be noted that as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, the provision of raising CA shall be applicable for the entire forest area proposed for diversion including the forest area located in the safety zone.

2. The AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada has also informed that as per sub-rule (8) of rule 16 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, any provisions of extant rules will be applicable on the proposals which are yet to be granted 'In-Principle' under the Adhinyam. As per rule 10(2) of Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the proposals for mining shall be examined and disposed by the Central Govt. (MoEFCC). Site Inspection of proposals specified in rule 10(2) by the Regional Office is to be submitted to Ministry.

3. The AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada has, therefore, requested that the User Agency may be directed to provide the equal extent of suitable non-forest land for CA for further processing of the proposal.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force is, therefore, requested to direct the User Agency to identify the suitable non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation(CA) purpose to an extent of 9.74 ha and furnish the details along with DGPS map of the CA land so as to send the same to the GoI, MoEF&CC, for further consideration of the proposal.

S. SRI SARAVANAN
SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

M/s. Bhaskara Minerals, Kakinada, ...for information.
Kakinada District.
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SECTION OFFICER