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**MOST IMPORTANT**  
**TIME BOUND**

F.No 4-TSB301/2022-HYD/773  
Date 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

To

1. The Special Chief Secretary, EF&ST Department, Telangana State Secretariat, Government of Telangana
2. The District Forest Officer, Medak District, Telangana State
3. The District Forest Officer, Siddipet District, Telangana State

**Subject:** Diversion of 4.298 Ha of forest land in Medak and Siddipet division for Construction of Shankarampet Branch Canal system (Ramayanpet Canal) including distributory network in Siddipet and Medak district in favour of I & CADD department.-reg

**Ref:** (i) The online proposal no. FP/TG/Canal/121710/2021

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and reference cited above. I am directed to inform that the user agency had carried out canal works within the forest land prior to obtaining approval of the Central Government which amounts to violation of the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. As per the prevailing guidelines governing such proposals involving violations, the matter has been deliberated in the REC meetings and then forwarded the proposal to MoEF&CC for consideration by the competent authority. However, the said proposal has been returned with an instruction to RO to ascertain the applicability of Section 3A/3B in the instant case and further observed that the State government has also not taken any penal action except issuing a show cause notice.

As per the provision of Gazette notification published by the Ministry vide dated 03/09.06.2023 (Copy enclosed) regarding the processing of proposals involving violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, it is to inform that the Central Government authorizes officers of the rank of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO)/Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and above of the State Government or Union Territory Administration concerned, having jurisdiction over the forest land in respect of which any offense under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is committed or violation of the provisions of the said Act has been made, to file complaints against such person/authority/organization, prima-facie found guilty of offence under the Act or the violation of the rules made thereunder, in the court having jurisdiction in the matter.

In view of the provisions made under the above-mentioned Gazette notification, I am directed to request the state government to take immediate action and report the status for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Manjunatha D.)

26/10/2023

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Encl: As above

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1. The PPS to DGF&SS for kind information of DGF&SS, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004 for information and necessary action please.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests /Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN-500 004 for information and necessary action please
4. The IGF, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 **for information please.**
5. Guard file