

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: January, 2023

To

The Additional Secretary to Government,
EFS & T Department,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 281.9302 ha. of forest land in Nagarjunasagar Wildlife and Achampet wildlife forest divisions under Nalgonda and Nagarkurnool Districts respectively in favour of Chief Engineer, NSP & AMRSLBC Project, Hyderabad for construction of Dindi Balancing Reservoir. -regarding (Online proposal No.FP/TG/IRRIG/29008/2017).

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.5145/For.I (1)/2022 dated 14.12.2022 on the above cited subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After preliminary scrutiny of the proposal the following observations have been observed:

- i. The copy of CAT plan submitted is not approved by the PCCF (HoFF) or any other officer authorized by him for the purpose as prescribed under the Chapter-9 at para 9.2 (vi) of Comprehensive guideline Handbook, 2019. Further, the CAT plan submitted is a abstract with financial outlay. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to submit the detailed CAT plan as prescribed under the Chapter-9 at para 9.2 of Comprehensive guideline Handbook, 2019 issued by this Ministry.
- ii. The total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted has not been mentioned in the Part-I form and the same may be clarified by the State Govt.
- iii. The details of tree felling is mentioned as NIL in Part-II by both the DFO (Achampet Division & Nagarjuna Sagar (WLM) division). However, DFO, Achampet Division in his Site inspection report has mentioned that a total of 2018 no.s of trees are proposed to be fell and DFO, Nagarjuna Sagar (WLM) in his site inspection has mentioned the crop composition but has not given

the no. of trees to be felled. Therefore, The State Govt. is requested to forward the actual no. of trees to be felled in both the Divisions involved.

- iv. The State Govt. has proposed the Compensatory Afforestation over non-forest land (NFL) i.e. 290.4973 ha. in seven CA sites for afforestation which falls under Nalgonda district of Telangana State. After examination of the CA scheme it is observed that CA Scheme was prepared in the year of 2018-2019. The CA scheme was prepared almost 5 years ago and the wage rates along with other relevant unit rates may also have been revised thereafter, accordingly, the State Govt. is requested to submit the revised CA scheme as per prevalent unit/wage rates along with the revised cost structure.
- v. As per Part-I it is informed that there are mainly four components in the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel scheme which are Tunnel –I, Tunnel-II, Open Canal & Dindi Balancing Reservoir. Dindi Balancing Reservoir is proposed for diversion at present. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to submit the copy of approvals of the three (SLBC) tunnel scheme to this Ministry along with respective compliance reports.
- vi. Further, the State Govt. is requested to submit the complete compliance report of the approval granted by this Ministry's letter no. F.No.8-73/1993-FC dated 21.04.1994 wrt the area of 42.93 ha.
- vii. In the Part-I uploaded in PARIVESH portal it is mentioned that no families are been displaced and R&R is not applicable. But in the hard copy submitted by the State Govt., as per form A (Part-I) it is mentioned that after the preliminary investigation about 629 families are being displaced during implementation of the proposed project and located outside the Reserve Forest Area. In this regard, the State Govt. may be requested to offer its comments and provide copy of approved R&R plan if the displacement of families are involved.
- viii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the comments of the Chief Wild Life Warden on instant proposal since the area involved is a Tiger Reserve and further on the applicability of NBWL clearance required in this instant proposal.
- ix. On analyzing the CB ratio submitted by State Govt. it is observed that old rates of NPV are used for calculation. The Ministry on 06.01.2022 has revised the NPV rates. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to submit the revised CB ratio.
- x. The State Govt. is requested to specify whether the dam to be constructed will be an earthen dam or otherwise.
- xi. The State is requested to provide the plan with details for further distributing the water and involvement of forest land in the same may also be submitted.
- xii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the KML file of component wise

break-up of the instant proposal.

- xiii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the KML files of boundary of ESZ and Buffer w.r.t. Amrabad Tiger Reserve.
- xiv. The State govt. is requested to submit the details of the alternative sites identified along with KML files.

In view of the above, the State Government of Telangana is requested to submit the above clarification/information/documents to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer, under (FCA) Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Hyderabad.
4. User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

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Yours faithfully,

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