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F.No. 4-APB185/2022-VIJ/396

Date 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF,  
AP Forest Department,  
Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor,  
Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park,  
Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503

**Subject: Diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No. 460 of Pachigunta RF, Chittoor East range, Chittoor East WL Division for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s. Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D. James)-Reg.-Reg.**

Sir,

With reference to the subject this is to inform that the as recommended by the REC, the IRO Vijayawada the subject proposal was forwarded with recommendation to the Ministry for consideration under FCA, 1980;

The Ministry returned the proposal with the following observation which needs to be clarified by the State Government;

*“It is also important to mention here that a number of proposals pertaining to mining of black granite mining leases are being received from the Chittoor District for prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 which are being examined as standalone projects. It will be appropriate that a consolidated view of such mining leases, already granted/operational, under process of approval, proposed to be granted and studies, if any available on cumulative impact of such mining activity in the flora and fauna may be provided by the IRO in consultation with the State Government to enable the Ministry to take further view in the matter”*

Further, it is to inform that, as directed by the Ministry in the earlier proposal, this office vide letter No 4-APB168/2022-VIJ/825 dated 19th December, 2022 requested to nominate PCCF (Nodal Officer FCA) as

chairman of the committee to examine proposals pertaining to Chittoor holistically keeping in view all the conservation aspects and compliance of the Acts/Rules and guidelines related to and submit the report to this office on or before 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. **However, the said report is still awaited;**

In view of the above observation made by the Ministry in the instant case and direction already given to examine the proposals pertaining to Chittoor holistically keeping in view all the conservation aspects and compliance of the Acts/Rules and guidelines, it is hereby requested to include the subject project within the purview of ToR issued by this office vide letter No 4-APB168/2022-VIJ/825 dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 **(Copy enclosed)** and may kindly further direct the concerned to submit the report before **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023** to this office please.

Yours faithfully,



**(N.S.Murali)**

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

**Copy to;**

1. The ADGF (FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi for information please
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh- 522503 for necessary action please
3. The IGF, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, New Delhi **for information and may nominate concerned officer from the ROHQ as a committee member**
4. Shri Balaji Kari, AIGF(Central), IRO, MoEF&CC, Vijayawada for necessary action
5. M/S. Sweety Granites, D.no.2-1251/4SA, Nalanda Nagar, B.V. Reddy Colony, Chittoor- Andhra Pradesh- 517001. [sweetygranites@gmail.com](mailto:sweetygranites@gmail.com)



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Inspector General of Forests (Central)