

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Memo.No.2968/Section.II/2022/193580

Dated 25.01.2025

Sub: Diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.96 ha. in Compartment no.313 of Gulamalibad South RF, Gulamaliabad Beat, Banaganapalli Section, Dhona Range, Kurnool Division & District for grant of quarry lease for road metal in favour of Sri G.Maddileti Reddy, Kurnool District – Additional information called for - Reg.

Ref: 1) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/11/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-2, Dated:25.11.2022.

2) Govt.Lr.No.2968/Sec.II/2022/1930580, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.02.02.2023.

3) From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB202/2023-VIJ/806, dt.30.03.2023.

4) From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/11/2018-FCA SEC- PCCF/FCA-2, dated.16.06.2023.

5) State Govt.Lr.No.2968/Sec.II/2022, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 20.07.2023.

6) From the AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, Lr.F.No.4-APB202/2023-VIJ/386, dated 02.07.2024.

The attention of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, is invited to the reference 6th cited (copy enclosed), wherein the Asst.Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai has informed that Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over 3.07 ha of non-forest land in two bits (Bit-I- 2.77 ha. and Bit-II-0.30 ha.) in Sy.No.98/1, 98/2, 98/3 & 98/4 of Kommemarri (V), Peapully (M), Kurnool District, for compensatory afforestation purpose. The CA land identified in two bits are adjacent to Compartment no. 209, Devagudipadu RF, Peddapaya Beat, Peapully Section, Dhona Range, Kurnool Division. Following issue has been noticed:

The two CA patches are 111.58 meters apart. The status of land in between is not clear. The smaller patch is 0.30 Ha in area which seems to be very small from management point of view. If the land in-between is NFL, the possibility of encroachment in future seems to be high.

2. Further, the Asst.Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, has informed that the forest area proposed for diversion under instant proposal is adjacent to the area of 2.59 ha of forest area already diverted vide IRO Vijayawada letter No.F.No. 4- APB082/2018-CHN/7, dated 22.12.2020 in favour of M/s GMR Crusher. As on date, the User Agency not yet started mining operation in this 2.59 ha of forest area already diverted.

3. The forest area proposed for diversion is mentioned to be extended portion of the forest area diverted under proposal No.FP/AP/QRY/30414/2017, Area- 2.59 ha. The user agency has mentioned that an area of 0.11 ha already been diverted for road portion under earlier lease will be utilized for transportation of road metal. Following issues have been noticed:

- i. No proper explanation is provided by the UA for diverting more forest land for mining when the existing diverted area is kept unused since 2020.

- ii. Linking the present diversion area with the previously diverted 2.59 ha area for the purpose of forest road might create a fait accompli situation in future.
 - iii. The bare minimum requirement of forest land is not justified as earlier diverted land is not operated till now.
4. The Asst. Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, has therefore requested to furnish details of the mining lease validity and reasons for not starting the mine so far by the User Agency. In this regard, the Ministry directed to get the clarification pertaining to the issues raised above at the earliest.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, is requested to furnish the requisite information for forwarding it to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, for further processing of the proposal under the Adhiniyam, 1980.

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To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
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