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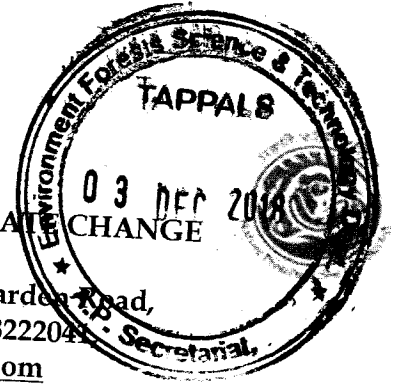
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To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

Subject: Diversion of 101.24 ha of FL located in Compt. No. 571, 572, 573 & 575 of Ganganapalli RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 under Package No. 02/06 in favour of EE, GNSS Division No. 7, Pulivendula, Y.S.R. District-reg.

Reference: 1. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh letter No.EFS01-12021/109/Section-II/2018 dated 26.09.2018.

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and reference cited above. This is to inform that the subject proposal was considered by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), RO (SEZ), Chennai in its 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 27.11.2018 and recommended for clearance. However, as recorded in the deliberation of the said minutes (**copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed**), details about previous diversions in the forest area currently proposed for diversion are to be submitted by the Forest Department but the same are yet to be received. Hence, I am directed to request for furnish the following information / documents to this office at the earliest to enable further processing of the proposal;

As per the KML file uploaded by the UA, it appears that, parts of 2 roads are present within the proposed forest area for diversion, at both the ends of the segment. Hence, details of such projects for which forest area got diverted already, if any, located within the forest area proposed for diversion under the current proposal, may be furnished. Details shall include information on previous diversions, purpose, actual extent of overlap over the current proposal area, consent from the primary User Agency for re-diversion, relevant map etc.

Yours faithfully,

  
(D.Sathiyah)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem Guntur-522004.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.

(D.Sathiyan)  
Conservator of Forests (Central)



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4. The Excavated material under the project shall not be used for commercial benefits and shall not be dumped in the nearby forest areas other than the area proposed for diversion.
  5. The spoil banks shall be stabilized by giving adequate slope and by undertaking planting.
  6. The PCCF shall ensure that the CA plantation is maintained for a period of 10 years and issue suitable instructions to the field officers in this regard and to suitably revise the FSR, if required.
  7. Avenue plantation on both sides of the approach roads shall be carried out by the User Agency and the same shall be maintained.

Agenda No 2

Diversion of 101.24 ha of FL located in Compt. No. 571, 572, 573 & 575 of Ganganapalli RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 under Package No. 02/06 in favour of EE, GNSS Division No. 7, Pulivendula, Y.S.R. District.

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) has noted the following facts of the proposal:

1. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded the hard copy of the proposal vide letter No.EFS01-12021/109/Section-II/2018 dated 26.09.2018 for diversion of 101.24 ha of FL is located in Compt. No. 571, 572, 573 & 575 of Ganganapalli RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 87.40 to KM 94.80 under Package No. 02/06 in favour of EE, GNSS Division No. 7, Pulivendula, Y.S.R. District and requested to communicate approval of the GoI under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. **Purpose wise breakup of the forest area proposed for diversion:** An area of 99.90 ha for Earth works Excavation of GNSS Canal and 1.34 ha for approach road. However, the UA has reported only one component in the online application.
3. Legal Status of Forest land: Reserve Forests
4. Status of User Agency: Private
5. Density of Vegetation: 0.3, Eco Class 3.
6. Cost of the project: Rs. 53500 lakhs.

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7. As reported, 1000 permanent and 100000 man days of temporary employment are likely to be generated due to the project.
8. The DFO, Kadapa Forest Division has reported that most of the Forests area is hilly and not vulnerable to erosion;
9. The DFO, Kadapa Forest Division has reported that the forest area proposed for diversion does not fall under any Sanctuary / National Park, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc;
10. The DFO, Kadapa Forest Division has reported **that, rare/ endangered / unique species of flora i.e. Red Sanders species is found in the area;**
11. The DFO, Kadapa Forest Division has reported that no protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area;
12. The DFO, Kadapa Forest Division has reported that requirement of the forest land for diversion as proposed by the UA is unavoidable and the barest minimum for the project;
13. The DFO, Kadapa Forest Division has reported that no work in violation of the FCA, 1980 has been done by the User Agency;
14. Enumeration list of trees has been furnished and uploaded in the web portal. However, the number of trees to be felled has not been reported;
15. It has been reported that an area of 149.78 ha in Sy No 580 in M.Kambaladinne village of Muddanur Range has been identified, out of which 101.24 ha has been proposed for compensatory afforestation. CA scheme for 101.24 ha with financial outlay of Rs. 719.370 lakhs has been furnished and uploaded in the web portal. Site inspection report on non-forest area identified for CA purpose and soil suitability certificate have been furnished. Map of the CA areas have been furnished and uploaded in the web portal. It has been reported that, out of 101.24 ha, an area of 70.00 ha will be afforested under SMM and an area of 31.24 ha is proposed for raising CA under Trench Cum Pit method.
16. RoFR certificate (Form II) for an area of **101.834 ha** has been furnished.
17. Site Inspection reports of the DFO, Kadapa Forest Division and CCF, Kurnool Circle have been furnished and uploaded in the web portal.
18. The subject proposal has been processed through DSS cell and the area is found to be non inviolate.
19. The subject proposal has been uploaded in the web portal vide proposal number FP/AP/IKRIG/34553/2018.
20. Map of the Forest land proposed for diversion has been furnished and uploaded in the web portal.



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21. The User Agency has reported that no administrative structures like dispensaries, School buildings, railway & electric lines etc are present in the forest area proposed for diversion. However, as per the KML file uploaded by the UA, it appears that part of roads is present within the proposed forest area for diversion, at both the ends of the segment;
22. The Environmental Clearance for the GNSS project appears to have expired;
23. A maximum diversion width of about 570 mtr is proposed at a particular stretch which may be justified;
24. Subsequently the User Agency has made available details on the GNSS Project, justification for the proposed alignment and for the proposed width of diversion;
25. Project site was inspected by the CF (Central). Site inspection report is enclosed for perusal please.
26. The proposal has been recommended at all levels of the State Government.

#### **Deliberations:**

The committee has scrutinized the site inspection report. It has heard the Nodal Officer and the representative from User Agency who were present in the meeting regarding the details of previous diversion, if any, of roads located within the area proposed for diversion now. The Nodal officer has stated that relevant details about previous diversions if any will be furnished immediately. On the likely impact of the present proposal on them, the User Agency has stated that the structures are falling outside the water carriage way of the Canal and hence the proposal will not have any adverse effect on the existing structures. The User Agency has also clarified on the alignment proposed for the canal and also explained the reasons for the width of the diversion proposed which is varying.

#### **Recommendation:**

The committee has decided to recommend the proposal for clearance, after receipt of details about previous diversions within the area proposed for diversion in the current proposal, subject to usual conditions applicable for such projects, in addition to the following conditions:

1. The Forest Department shall undertake canal bank plantation at the cost of User Agency covering the entire length of the canal.



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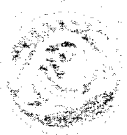
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2. To facilitate the movement of wild animals, the User Agency shall construct adequate number of CM & MD structures as proposed across the canal in consultation with the Forest Department. In case of underpasses, a minimum height of 2.75 meters shall be ensured.
3. A monitoring committee shall be constituted for the GNSS project at the State Level under the chairmanship of an APCCF rank officer including the DFOs of the concerned divisions, to monitor the compliance to the conditions imposed in Forest Clearance.
4. The Excavated material under the project shall not be used for commercial benefits and shall not be dumped in the nearby forest areas other than the area proposed for diversion.
5. The spoil banks shall be stabilized by giving adequate slope and by undertaking planting.
6. The PCCF shall ensure that the CA plantation is maintained for a period of 10 years and issue suitable instructions to the field officers in this regard and to suitably revise the FSR, if required.
7. Adequate number of red sanders shall be planted in the CA land to compensate for the felling of the said species under the proposal.
8. Avenue plantation on both sides of the approach roads shall be carried out by the User Agency and the same shall be maintained.

**Agenda No 3:** Diversion of 2.597 ha of Forest land in Compt. No. 313 of Gulamaliabad South RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for grant of quarry lease for Road metal in favour of M/s. G.M.R. Stone Crushers, (Prop. Sri G. Maddilety Reddy) Banaganapalli

1. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter No.EIS01-12021/125/Section-II/2018 dated 08.10.2018 has forwarded the proposal for Diversion of 2.597 ha of Forest land in Compt. No. 313 of Gulamaliabad South RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for grant of quarry lease for Road metal in favour of M/s. G.M.R. Stone Crushers, (Prop. Sri G. Maddilety Reddy) Banaganapalli and requested to communicate GoI approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. Purpose wise breakup:
 

a. Mining Area	: 2.01 ha
b. Safety Zone Area	: 0.47 ha



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