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December, 2023

To.

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: : Diversion of 2.1815 Ha of forest land for laying of water pipeline and structures in Reserved forest for "Construction of Intake Structure, WTP and Pipelines for Four HMWSS Segments (Jangaon, Gajwel, Aliar- Bhongir and Medchal), Sri Komaravelli Mallanna Sagar as a source, Siddipet District.-Reg

Reference: Online Proposal No. FP/TG/WATER/120454/2021

Madam.

With reference to the subject and reference cited above, it is to state that the subject proposal has been examined by this office and noticed that the DFO had reported that there is no work in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 been carried out by the user agency in the forest land proposed for diversion. However, on scrutiny of the Google Earth Imagery, it is seen that the forest land is already broken up for the proejet work in violation of FCA, 1980. Therefore, the State Government is requested to ascertain and verify the status of violation of the FC Act and take necessary action as per the prevailing statute.

Further, it is also noticed that the date of site inspection report and Part-II filled by the concerned DFOs and the date of uploading on PARIVESH portal are varying by more than a year or so. The proposal was submitted and recommended by the Nodal Officer after the implementation of FC Rules, 2022, therefore, the instant proposal has to be processed under these rules. The Regional Offices cannot consider the proposals involving the violation of FCA, 1980 as per Rule 9 (5) (a). Such proposals are to be submitted by the State Government to the Ministry for consideration.

Keeping in view of the above, the proposal is returned herewith with a request to process it as per FCR 2022 and the guidelines issued by the Ministry regarding the processing of proposals involving violation of FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(Kailash Bhimrao Bhawar)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests (C)

## Copy to: -

- 1. The IGF (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
- 4. Guard file