

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

FOREST DEPARTMENT

From:

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To,

The Prl. Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.No.10384/2017/FCA-1, Dated:06/03/2019

Sir,

Sub:- FD – Forest (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land towards construction of SomasilaSwarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works – Additional information – submitted – Reg.

- Ref:-
1. Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati Online Proposal No.FP/AP/IRRIG/15739/2015, Dt: 01.09.2018.
 2. PCCF's Ref.No.10384/2017/FCA-1, Dt:12.09.2018.
 3. Executive Engineer, SSLC & SB Division No.3, Kothur – Nellore Lr.No.DB/AEE(Y)/Package No.17/ Forest/Vol.1/643M Dt:15.09.2018.
 4. PCCF's Ref.No.10384/2017/FCA-1, Dt:18.09.2018.
 5. CF Guntur Rc.No.1219/2018-TO, Dt:05.10.2018.
 6. CF Tirupati Rc.No.326/2018/M1, Dt:27.10.2018.
 7. GoI F.No.4-APC092/2018-CHN/0104, Dt.24.01.2019.
 8. G.M.No. 5104/Section-II/2018, EFS&T Dept., Dt.04.02.2019.
 9. PCCF's Ref.No.10384/2017/FCA-1, Dt:29.01.2018 & 06.02.2019.
 10. CF, Tirupati Rc.No.326/2018/M1, Dt:21.02.2018.
 11. CF, Guntur Rc.No.1219/2018-TO, Dt.18.02.2019.

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It is submitted that, the proposals of the Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati for diversion of 20.72 Ha. of forest land towards construction of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km. 56.000 to Tail End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works duly connecting Merlapaka and Mannasamudram Tanks, have been placed before the Regional Empowered Committee, Chennai

on 12.02.2019. The Regional Empowered Committee, Chennai has requested for certain additional information on the proposals.

Accordingly, the additional information is submitted as follows:

Reply to Point (a):- As reported by the Conservator of Forests, WLM, Tirupati vide reference 10th cited (copy enclosed), the entire earth work for the canal in the proposed area in Compt. No. 172 of Venkatagiri RF and Compt. No. 196 of Inagalur of Mannavaram Beat of Palam Section have been completed in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Case has been booked vide DOR No. 71/2018-19/SKHT Range, Dt.16.11.2018 by FRO, Srikalahasti against the user agency (Copy enclosed). The details of the officer on behalf of user agency were already furnished at the time of submitting the proposals (Page No.86 to 87 of CF, Tirupati hardcopy booklet may please be perused). However, the report of the Conservator of Forests, WLM, Tirupati is enclosed herewith for kind perusal.

Further, with regard to the officials of the forest department responsible for the violations, departmental action is initiated against them.

Reply to Point (b):- As reported by the Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide reference 11th cited, the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore reported that the Forest Range Officer, Venkatagiri Range has conducted Joint Inspection in the proposed canal area in RF from Station No.253 to 258 of Venkatagiri Hill RF near Chilikampadu Village of Kurjagunta Beat of Venkatagiri Range on 01.02.2019 along with Dy. Executive Engineer, SSLC & SB Sub Division No.3, JKR Dam and concerned Assistant Engineer of User Agency.

Further, the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore reported that during the Joint Inspection, the boundary of Venkatagiri Hill RF from Station No.253 to 258 were fixed as per Gazette notification, it was observed that, the Somasila Swarnamukhi Link Canal work executed upto Forest Boundary and no canal work was taken up in Venkatagiri Hill RF area for which the forest diversion proposals were given in 11.52 ha.

The Joint Inspection team also noticed that there is no violation of the provisions of the F(C) Act, 1980 by the User Agency. The Joint Inspection report drafted by the above Joint Inspection Team and Google earth maps, super imposed on the SI sheet showing the location of canal and RF boundary and a sketch showing the existing canal and proposed canal prepared by the Joint Inspection team in 2 sets are submitted herewith for kind perusal.

A copy of the reports furnished by the Conservators of Forests, WLM Tirupati and Guntur along with its enclosures are herewith submitted for onward

submission to the Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai for further consideration of the proposal.

Early action is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above.

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Copy to the Conservators of Forests, Guntur and WLM Tirupati for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Nellore and Chittoor East (WL) Divisions for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, SSLC & SB Division No.3, Kothuru for information.