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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1999/FOR.I (1)/2017

Dated:17.01.2018

From:
The Principal Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-110 003 (w.e.)



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Sir,
Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposals for Diversion of
205.4811 ha of forest land in Achampet Division of
Nagarkurnool District for works of Lift-I Pump house
(Package-1) and formation of Anjanagiri Reservoir (Package 2),
Earth work Excavation & Construction of Tunnel in between
Anjanagiri Reservoir at Narlapur (V) and Veerajaneya Reservoir
at Yedula (V) (Package 4) of Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation
Scheme Project in favour of Chief Engineer, PRLIS, Hyderabad -
Additional Information furnished - Reg.

- Ref:- 1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Lr.No.2573/2017/FCA-1,
Dt:06.05.2017.
2. Govt. Letter. No.1999/FOR.I (1)/2017, Dt:26-05-2017.
3. From GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi F.No.8-43/2017-FC,
Dt:14.11.2017.
4. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Lr.No.2573/2017/FCA-1,
Dt.12.01.2018.

I am to enclose a copy of the letter 4th cited and to furnish the detailed
report with additional information thereon, as desired in the letter 3rd cited,
for according Stage-I approval to Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation
Scheme (PRLIS) project under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act,
1980.

Yours faithfully,

for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri P.K. Jha, IFS,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force,
Telangana, "Aranya Bhavan",
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

To
The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

Ref.No.2573/2017/FCA-1, Dated: 12.01.2018

Sir,

Sub: TSFD – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **205.4811 ha** of forest land in Achampet Division of Nagarkurnool District for works of Lift-I Pump house (Package-1) and formation of Anjanagiri Reservoir (Package-2), Earth work Excavation & Construction of Tunnel in between Anjanagiri Reservoir at Narlapur (V) and Veerajaneya Reservoir at Yedula (V) (Package-4) of Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme Project in favour of Chief Engineer, PRLIS, Hyderabad – **Additional Information** –
Furnished - Regarding.

- Ref:**
1. EE, PRLIS Division, No.1, Kollapur Lr.No. EE/ PRLIS/div.no.1/ Kollapur/ 2015-16/33m, Dt.07.06.2016
 2. PCCF's Rc.No. 6531/2016/FCA-1, Dated: 17.06.2016
 3. PCCF's Rc.No. 6531/2016/FCA-1, Dated: 29.06.2016
 4. Superintending Engineer, PRLIS Circle-I, Nagar Kurnool Lr.No.SE/PRLIS/ NGKL/OT1/AE/PAK1/182, Dt.11.07.2016
 5. PCCF's Rc.No. 6531/2016/FCA-1, Dated: 14.07.2016
 6. CE, PRLIS, Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/HYD/OT-1/TS-1/488 dt. 23.7.2016
 7. PCCF's Rc.No. 6531/2016/FCA-1, Dt. 08.08.2016
 8. PCCF's Rc.No. 6531/2016/FCA-1, Dt. 02.09.2016
 9. CE,PRLIS,Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/HYD/OT-1/TS-1/1211, dt.12.1.2017
 - 10.CE, PRLIS, Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/HYD/OT-1/TS-1/1212, dt.12.1.2017
 - 11.PCCF's Rc.No. 6531/2016/FCA-1, Dated: 16.01.2017
 - 12.PCCF's Rc.No. 2573/2017/FCA-1, Dated: 18.02.2017
 - 13.APCCF/FDPT, ATR, Achampet Rc.No.1018/2016/ATR/PT-6, dt.3.5.2017
 - 14.PCCF's Rc.No. 2573/2017/FCA-1, Dated: 06.05.2017
 - 15.Govt.Lr.No.1999/FOR I(1)/2017, Dated: 26.05.2017
 - 16.PCCF's Rc.No. 2573/2017/FCA-1, Dated: 13.07.2017
 - 17.Minutes of Meeting of Forest Advisory Committee Dt.20.07.2017
 - 18.CE PRLIS Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/Hyd/DCE/OT1/TS1/2313, Dt:26.09.2017
 - 19.PCCF's Rc.No. 2573/2017/FCA-1, Dated: 27.09.2017
 - 20.MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi F.No.8-43/2017-FC, Dt.14.11.2017
 - 21.CE, PRLIS Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/DCE/OT1/TS1/Pkg1/2745, Dt:09.01.2018

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) Project was placed at Agenda No.23 of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 20.07.2017. During the meeting the State Government informed that the project is passing outside the boundaries of proposed Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of protected area and hence shall be treated falling outside the ESZ. The FAC recommended to place the proposal before the competent authority for issue of Stage I clearance upon receipt of comments on the issue of Eco Sensitive Zone from WL and IA divisions of the Ministry; the approved R& R plan and action taken on the violations including fixing of responsibility on the errant officials from the State Government. The FAC also observed that the CA patches are rocky and recommended that mandatory SMC works shall be taken up and requisite number of trees be planted and maintained to compensate loss for trees lost due to proposed diversion. Further observed that the Stage I clearance would also be subject the outcome to the litigation pending before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal / Courts with respect to this proposal.

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Basing on the reply furnished by the Chief Engineer in reference 18th cited, a report has been submitted vide reference 19th cited **(copy enclosed)**. In the said report, it was submitted that the proposed project is located at a distance of 11.95 Km from the core of Amrabad Tiger Reserve. And Wildlife Sanctuary boundary in Amrabad TR is co-terminus with Core boundary. In the proposed ESZ of Amrabad TR, 9.39 km of buffer area and another 1 km beyond buffer boundary is included. And the proposed project is 2.56 km from the buffer boundary and 1.56 km from the proposed Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Amrabad Tiger Reserve. Hence the project is beyond deemed 10 km ESZ of Amrabad TR from the sanctuary boundary and also beyond the proposed ESZ.

Vide reference 20th cited, the GOI has requested to obtain and furnish approved R&R Plan and report on action taken against errant officials which have not yet been received.

Vide reference 21st cited, the Chief Engineer has furnished a detailed report on the following (copy enclosed):

I. RoFR and R & R Plan:

1. **RoFR:** The Chief Engineer has informed that an amount Rs.83,02,500 has been paid to (14) RoFR title holders of Sy.399, Yellore Village to an extent of Ac.18-18 Gts. and there are no pending RoFR claims to be settled under FRA. There is no Rehabilitation and Resettlement in the RF area.
2. **R & R other than RF area:** The Chief Engineer has informed that out of 2481 households payment has been made for 514 households to an amount of Rs.32.20 Crores and for balance 1967 householders the R&R will be settled as per G.O.Ms.No.120, Dt,30.06.2017 under RFCTLARR (Telangana Amendment) Act,2016 (Act No.21 of 2017) and LA Act,2013 Dt.27.09.2013.

II. The action taken report on the violation against the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980:

The Chief Engineer has informed that the State Government has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of the Prl. Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (EFS&T) Department with District Forest Office, Nagarkurnool, Joint Collector, Nagarkurnool and Superintending Engineer, PRLIS, Nagarkurnool as members vide G.O.Rt.No.806, I&CAD (Projects II) Department dated: 26.09.2017 to decide veracity of fact of violation and to fix the responsibility on the concerned for the alleged violation.

The Committee headed by Principal Secretary, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (EFS&T) Department has conducted detailed field inquiry on 17.10.2017 at Nagarkurnool with the concerned officials from Forest Department, Revenue Department and Irrigation Department. The Committee also met on 28.11.2017 and 07.12.2017 and gone through all the documents, reports, detailed explanation submitted by the Executive Engineer, PRLIS on behalf of the I&CADD (User Agency) and discussed in detail and given the following findings and recommendations:

FINDINGS:

1. On verification of Revenue records, it is found that the District Collector, Mahbubnagar handed over Government land to the extent of 832.08 acres in different survey nos. to the Irrigation Department for Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. The handing over of the Government land to the Irrigation Department was done through a proper proceedings issued by the District Collector, Mahbubnagar and handed over under Panchanama. The Irrigation Department started the work by clearing the tree growth and blasting over an extent of 57.528 Ha (including the assigned lands shown in map at 1 and 2) presuming that being part of the Government land handed over by the District Collector, Mahbubnagar, to the Irrigation Department.

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2. The Forest Department on noticing execution of work in the forest stopped the work on 01.06.2016 in compartment No. 443 and 444 of Yellur Beat. The DFO, WLM, Achampet vide his Rc.No.574/S4/2016, Dt.01.06.2016 has informed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Nagarkurnool under intimation to the District Collector, Mahabubnagar and Chief Engineer, PRLIS that work has been executed in Reserve Forests which will attract the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Field Director, Amarabad Tiger Reserve has reported about the above violation to the Prl. CCF (HoFF) vide Lr.No.CCF/FDATR/2016PT-5, Dt.24.06.2016 as well as vide Lr.No.1018/2016/W6, Dt.04.08.2016 and the Prl.CCF (HoFF) in turn submitted detailed report to the Government vide PCCF's Ref.No. 6531/2016/FCA-1, Dt.29.06.2016 and 02.09.2016.
3. The perusal of revenue records shows that the said lands are not recorded as forest lands in the Revenue Departments' record shown as Poramboke/ Sarkari in Pahanis of 1973-74 to 1997-98 and at several places boundary between Revenue Department land and Forest Department Land is not well demarcated on the ground. Keeping the above facts into consideration, a joint inspection was conducted during March'2017 and after joint Inspection it was found that only 57.528 Ha, including the assigned lands, where works was carried out falls in Reserve Forest. In the above background, the Irrigation Department cannot be held responsible as they have carried out the work in the land presuming to be Revenue Government and handed over by the District Collector, Mahabubnagar due to lack of demarcation on the ground.
4. Further, the Irrigation Department stopped work in the said area after receipt of show cause notice from the DFO, WLM, Achampet and no further forest area has been violated which has been confirmed by the Regional Officer, MoEF, Chennai during his field visit on 10.07.2017 and 11.07.2017. The violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has occurred on account of mistake of facts, but not intentionally by the Irrigation Department. Moreover, on realizing that the Forest lands are involved in the works, the UA has further reduced the requirement of forest lands to tune of 80.5075 ha including 12.066 ha initial proposals where the violation is occurred.
5. Though the enquiry establishes that the User Agency were not at fault and have taken up the said works under the assumption that the said land was not forest lands and the committee recommended certain actions.

GIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- i. As the lands in question are still shown as Revenue lands in the records, the District Collector, Nagarkurnool may be directed to correct the same in the records as forest immediately and enter into Prohibitory Order Book (POB) immediately.
- ii. The State Govt has already started the massive exercise to reconcile all the forest land notified in the Government record to ensure that all the forest lands are entered in to Revenue records to avoid such incidents in future.
- iii. The major Infrastructure Departments like, Irrigation, Road & Buildings, Panchayat Raj etc., may be instructed to issue directions to the concerned field officers to ascertain from the forest department about the legal status of the land wherever works are carried out in the areas adjoining the forests to avoid such incidents in future.
- iv. The amount of loss of trees in the forest land estimated by the Forest Department may be paid into the concerned Head of Account as per the letter of the Forest Department duly compounding by collecting two time of the value of the trees as penalty.

Further the Chief Engineer in his report has informed that

- As per the recommendation (iv) of the Committee, action has been taken for making payment of loss of trees in the forest lands estimated by the Forest Department into in the concerned head of account, as per the letter of forest department i.e., 1+1 times the loss of the trees Rs.35,63,310 and the Spl. Chief Secretary to the Government, I&CADD has been requested to transfer the funds from I&CADD department Head of Account to the Forest Department Head of Account on 06.01.2018.

As regards, the CA lands it is submitted that against the total requirement of 205.48 ha, 237 ha of land will be handed over, which has been inspected by concerned forest officers and officials of MoEF & CC Regional Office, Chennai. The necessary SMC works have been included in the CA Scheme submitted to the GoI along with the proposals. It has been proposed to take up gap planting 400 plants/ ha at the time of submission of proposals. As per the GOI guidelines, planting 1000 plants/ ha of diverted to be taken up. The balance 600 plants/ ha will be planted in the Degraded Forest Land and accordingly the demand issued to User Agency after receipt of Stage-I clearance.

In view of the above it is requested to forward the detailed report with comments to Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to the Government of India for according Stage-I approval to PRLIS project under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

Encl: (As above)

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-P.K.Jha
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force

Copy submitted to the Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Irrigation & CAD Department, Teglana Secretariat for favour of information.

Copy to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana State, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Chief Engineer, PRLIS Project, Jalasoudha, Hyderabad.

Copy to the APCCF/ FDPT, Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Achampet for information and immediate necessary action.

Copy to the District Forest Officers, Nagarkurnool and Forest Divisional Officer, Achampet for information and immediate necessary action.

Advance copy submitted to Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi

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12/01/2018


Superintendent

C.No. 780/2018

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
IRRIGATION & CAD DEPARTMENT**

From

Sri. V. Lingaraju, B.Tech.

Chief Engineer,

Palamuru-Rangareddy L.I Scheme,

Jalasoudha Building,

Errummanzil, Hyderabad.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator
of Forest (Head of Forests),

Aranya Bhawan,

Hyderabad.

Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/DCE/ OT1/TS1/Pkg1 / 2745

Dt: 09 .01.2018.

Sir,

Sub:- PRLIS - Forest Clearance - FAC meeting held on 20th July 2017 -
Reply to the Minutes and further letter & Seeking Stage-I Clearance -
Requested - Regarding.

Ref.:- 1) Minutes of Forest Advisory Committee meeting held on 20.07.2017
2) G.O.Rt.No.806, I & CAD (Project.II)Dept., Dt:26.09.2017.
3) P.C.C.F Lr.No. 2573/2017/FCA-1 dt: 27.09.2017.
4) MOEF&CC File No.8-43/2017-FC dt: 11.11.2017.
5) Govt. U.O. Note No. I&CAD (P.C) Dept./12281/P.C./A1/2017,
Dt: 29.12.2017.
6) T.O Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/OT-1/TS1/PKG-1/2738A/A, dt: 06.01.2018.

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With reference to the MOEF&CC letter under reference 4th cited, it is to submit that, the proposals for diversion of 205.4811 Ha of Forest land in Achampet division in Nagarkurnool District was submitted to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi for according forest clearance. The above Forest proposals was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (F.A.C) on 20.07.2017. The matter is discussed under Agenda item no 23 and the minutes were communicated, **(ANNEXURE - I)** wherein action to be taken items were as follow.

- 1) The FAC required that the approved R & R plan be provided.
- 2) The FAC has observed that, about 57 Ha of Forest land had been put to non-forest use of which 45.462 Ha was within the area proposed under the said project whereas 12 Ha was not a part of this proposals. Violations have occurred in Reserve Forest Land.
- 3) FAC recommended that the comments on the issue of Eco Sensitive Zone be sought from the Wildlife Division and IA Division of the Ministry and on receipt of the same along with the RR plan and action taken on the violations including fixing of responsibility on the errant officials, from the State Government the matter would be put up to the competent authority for issue of Stage-I clearance.

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In this connection the Principal Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest),
Telangana has addressed to the MOEF&CC, New Delhi vide Lr.No.2573/
2017/FCA-I dated: 27.09.2017, **(ANNEXURE-II)** and informed that, the
proposed project is located beyond the deemed 10 KM ESZ of Amrabad TR from
the sanctuary boundary and also beyond the proposed ESZ.

Subsequently the MoEF & CC, New Delhi has addressed to the
Spl.Secretary to Government (Forest) Environment, Forest, Science & technology
department, Telangana, vide F.No. 8-43/2017 dated 11.11.2017
(ANNEXURE-III) where it is stated that, The Committee also recommended to
obtain “ ***The approved R&R plan and report on action taken against
errant officials which have not yet been received***”.

The following is submitted for RoFR and R&R:

- i) **RoFR:-** The Resolution of District Committee of RoFR Act, 2006 under the
chairmanship of District Collector, Nagarkurnool Dt: 13.04.2017
mentioned that, the RoFR Pattas have been issued to (14) STs of Yellur
Village in Sy.No.399 to an extent of Ac.18-18Gts and there are no pending
RoFR claims to be settled under Forest Rights Act. Further, the amount of
Rs. 83,02,500/- for the RoFR pattas for an extent of Ac.18-18Gts. is paid
to the concerned effected farmers **(ANNEXURE-IV)**. There is no
Rehabilitation & Resettlement in the Reserve Forest Area.
- ii) **Rehabilitation & Resettlement (other than Reserve Forest Area):-** The
Rehabilitation & Resettlement under 5 Reservoirs are 22 Villages, 7
Mandal's & 2481 households are existing out of which 514 households
payments were made. So far, R & R plan was implemented by paying the
structure value of Rs. 32.20 Crores including 2 BHK structures. The
balance 1967 households under R & R will be settled in accordance with
G.O.Ms.No.120, Dt: 30.06.2017 under the RFCTLARR (Telangana
Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No.21 of 2017) and L.A. Act of 2013,
Dt: 27.09.2013**(ANNEXURE-V)**.

The Government of Telangana have constituted the committee for
verification of the records and identification of alleged violation in the forest

area comprising of 3 members and chairman, vide reference 2nd cited (ANNEXURE-VI).

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| 1) Principal Secretary to Government,
E,F,S & T Department | - | Chairman |
| 2) Joint Collector, Nagarkurnool | - | Member |
| 3) Superintending Engineer,
PRLIS, Nagarkurnool | - | Member |
| 4) Divisional Forest Officer,
Nagarkurnool | - | Member-Secretary |

The above Committee has submitted the Inquiry report on alleged violation under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 under Palamuru – Rangareddy Lift irrigation Scheme in Achampet Wild Life division of Nagarkurnool District vide reference 5th cited (ANNEXURE-VII), as follows.

- 1) On verification of Revenue records, it is found that the District Collector, Mahabubnagar handed over Government Land to the extent of 832.08 Acres in different survey no's to the Irrigation Department for Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. The Handing over of the Government land to the Irrigation Department was done through proper proceedings issued by the District Collector, Mahabubnagar and handed over under Panchanama. The Irrigation Department started the work by clearing the tree growth and blasting over an extent of 57.528 Ha (including the assigned lands shown in map at 1 and 2) presuming that being part of the Government Land handed over by the District Collector, Mahabubnagar to the Irrigation Department.
- 2) **The perusal of revenue records shows that the said lands are not recorded as forest lands in the Revenue Departments record shown as Poramboke/ Sarkari in Pahanis of 1973-74 to 1997-98 and it several places boundary between Revenue Department land and Forest Department is not well demarcated on the ground.** Keeping the above facts into consideration, a joint inspection was conducted during March'2017 and after joint inspection it was found that only 57.528 Ha. including the assigned lands, where works carried out falls in Reserve Forest. **In the above background, the Irrigation Department cannot be held responsible as they have carried out the work in the land presuming to be Revenue Government and handed over by the**

District Collector, Mahabubnagar due to lack of demarcation on the ground.

- 3) Through the enquiry it is established that the User Agency (UA) were not at fault and have taken up the said works under the assumption that the said land was not forest lands, and the committee recommended the following actions:

- a. The amount of loss of trees in the forest lands estimated by the Forest Department may be paid into in the concerned head of account, as per the letter of Forest Department i.e., 1+1 times the loss of the trees.

Regarding the amount of loss of tress in the forest land, an amount of Rs.35,63,310/- estimated by the forest department, it is submitted that, during the meeting with Spl.Chief Secretary, I & CAD on dated: 02.01.2018, it is directed to transfer the funds to the Forest Department Head of Account from the User Agency i.e., I & CAD department. Accordingly, a letter has been addressed to the Government vide letter under reference 6th cited (ANNEXURE-VIII).

The explanation of the Executive Engineer, called for vide Govt. U.O. Note No. I & CAD (PC) Dept./12281/P.C./ A1/2017, Dt: 29.12.2017 is herewith furnished for information(ANNEXURE-IX).

Therefore, It is requested to take the necessary action for granting stage-I clearance, from the MOEF&CC, New Delhi at the earliest.

Encl: Annexures I to IX.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Engineer

PRLIS, Hyderabad

9/11/18

ANNEXURE - VIII

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
IRRIGATION & CAD DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Special Chief Secretary,
I & CAD Department,
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Secretariat Bldgs,
Hyderabad

Lr.No.CE/PRLIS/DCE/ OT1/TS1/Pkg1/3738/A Dt: 06.01.2018.

Sir,

Sub:- I & CAD Dept. - PRLIS - Avoid recurrence of ambiguity in Forest / Revenue Lands - Inquiry report on alleged violation under Forest (Conversation) Act, 1980 - Payment towards the loss of trees in the Forest Land at Achampet Division - Nagarkurnool - - Regarding.

Ref.:- 1) G.O.Rt.no.806, I & CAD (Project.II)Dept., Dt:26.09.2017.
2) Govt. U.O. Note No. I&CAD (P.C) Dept./12281/P.C./A1/2017, Dt: 29.12.2017.
3) SE's Lr.No. SE/PRLIS/Circle No.1/NGKL/DB/OT1/AE/7 CE, Dt.06.01.2018.

With reference to the enquiry report communicated vide Government U.O.Note under 2nd cited, it is submit that, in the enquiry report the committee recommended the action as follows:

The amount of loss of trees in the forest lands estimated by the Forest Department may be paid into in the concerned head of account, as per the letter of Forest Department i.e., 1+1 times the loss of the trees.

In this connection the Superintending Engineer has reported as follows vide reference 3rd cited.

The Forest Divisional Officer, Achampet has issued notices to M/s. Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd, Hyderabad who is the contracting Agency for Package -1 of PRLIS vide FDO, Achampet, Notice Ref. No.574/2016/S4, Dt:22/12/2016, duly stating that, the said company has illegally felled Forest Growth to an extent of 9.59 Ha for a quantity of 4698 Nos (including Timber and Fire wood) amount valued to 6,76,302/-. The destruction of Forests caused due to illegal felled of said company which is for the above destruction of Forests M/s. Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd, Hyderabad is responsible. Hence the said company is directed to remit Rs.6,76,302/-, a penalty of Rs.6,76,302/- i.e., total amount of Rs.13,52,604/- through challan.

In response to the above, the M/s. Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd, vide Ref.No.1281/PVR/PRLIS/121, Dt: 16.01.2017, has submitted to the Forest Divisional Officer, Achampet that, "we have made site clearance only after handing over the said land by Revenue Department. Hence we are not

responsible for destruction of Forest land as the said land was handed over by Revenue Department; and we are not liable to pay any penalty in the Matter”

In addition to above, the Forest Divisional Officer, Achampet has issued notices to M/s. Raghava Constructions, Hyderabad who is the contracting Agency for package - 2 of PRLIS vide FDO, Achampet, Notice Ref. No.574/2016/S4, Dt:22/12/2016, stated that, the said company has illegally felled Forest Growth and an extent of 21.01 Ha for a quantity of 8915 Nos (including Timber and Fire wood) amount valued to 11,05,353/-. The destruction of Forests caused due to illegal felling of said company which is for the above destruction of Forests M/s. Raghava Constructions, Hyderabad is responsible. Hence the said company is direct to remit Rs.11,05,353/-, a penalty of Rs. 11,05,353/- i.e., total amount of Rs.22,10,706/- through challan.


In response to the above, the M/s. Raghava Constructions, vide Lr.No.RC/HYD/PRLIS/2016-17/146, Dt: 16.01.2017, has submitted to the Forest Divisional Officer, Achampet that, “we have concluded an agreement for construction of PRLIS work (Construction Anjanagiri Balancing Reservoir near Narlapur(V) Kollapur (M) Pkg 2) with Irrigation & CAD Department, and as per condition laid down in the agreement we have started the work after handing over of site by the Department only and the work is in progress. As such imposing demand with penalty of Rs.22,10,706/- is injustice since no destruction of forest is taken place as referred in your notice.

In the above circumstances, during discussions with the Special Chief Secretary, I&CAD on dated 02.01.2018, the above matter was discussed, and the Special Chief Secretary has directed that the amount of Rs.35,63,310/- to be paid to the forest department towards loss of trees in the forest lands of Achmeper, Division Nagar Kurnool Dist shall be paid from the head account of I & CAD Department 4700-01-229-25-530-532 lands, to the following head of account of forest department.

Major Head : 8782
Minor Head : 103
Sub Head : 03
Non Plan/Plan : Non plan

Therefore, it is requested to kindly take necessary action for transfer of funds from I& CAD Department Head of Account to the Forest Department Head of account at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


Chief Engineer
PRLIS, Hyderabad 6/1/2018

Copy submitted to the Engineer-in-chief (Irrigation) for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Superintending Engineer, PRLIS Circle No.1, Nagarkurnool for information and necessary action.