

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

FROM
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District Forest Officer,
Kurnool Division, Kurnool.

TO
The Conservator of Forests,
Kurnool Circle,
KURNOOL.

Rc.No.677/2019/H5, Dated:- 05.07.2021

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of 2.96 Ha. in Compt.No.313 of G.A.Bad South RF of Kurnool Division for grant of quarry lease for Road metal in favour of Sri G.Maddilety Reddy - Proposals re-submission - Reg.

Ref:- 1) PCCF, AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15029/11/2018/FCA.SEC.
PCCF/FCA-2, Dt.09.06.2021
2) CF, Kurnool Rc.No.616/2019-TO, Dt.14.06.2021

In response to the above reference cited, the proposals submitted by the user agency for diversion of forest land to an extent of 2.96 Ha. in Compt.No.313, G.A.Bad South Block of Dhone Range of Kurnool Division for grant of quarry lease for Road metal in favour of Sri G.Maddilety Reddy, R/o Banagenapalli are resubmitted herewith duly after attending to the observations communicated in Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests reference 1st cited in (6) sets.

Further it is submitted that I have also been instructed to resubmit the proposals duly enclosing the Cluster Mining Proposals in reference 1st cited. In this regard, it is submitted that Compt.No.313 of G.A.Bad South Reserve forest Block located in Dhone Range is covered with rocky sheet which will be useful for Road metal and other construction works. During past, (6) leases were approved by the Government of India for mining of road metal in Compt.No.313 of G.A.Bad South Block of Dhone Range. The details are as follows.

S. NO	Name of the Mines	GOI/GoAP Lr.No.	Forest area diverted
A	Sri Venkateswara Stone Crushers	GOI, MoEF & CC RO, Chennai Lr.F.No.4-APB715/2010-BAN/ 0065, Dt.11.01.2018 / G.O.Ms.No.13, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept, Dt.09.02.2018	2.121
B	Sri Y.Bala Thimma Reddy	GOI, MoEF, RO, Bangalore Lr.No.4-APB718/2010-BAN/1942, Dt.03.10.2012 / G.O.Ms.No.85, EFS&T (For.I) Dept, Dt.31.10.2012	2.480
C	M/s GMR Stone Crushers	GOI, MoEF, RO, Bangalore Lr.No.4-APB716/2010-BAN/1943, Dt.03.10.2012 / Govt. of A.P, G.O.Ms.No.84, EFS&T (For.I) Dept, Dt.31.10.2012	2.560
D	Sri D.Siva Sankar Reddy	GOI Lr.No.4-APB-717/2010-BAN/1944, Dt.03.10.2012 / G.O.Ms.No.83, EFS&T (For.I) Dept, Dt.31.10.2012	2.663
E	M/s Bargav Stone Crushers	GOI, MoEF & CC, RO (SEZ) Chennai Lr.No.F4-APB719/2010 BAN/1046, Dt.07.07.2018 / G.O.Ms.No.80, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept,Dt.27.07.2018.	2.925
F	M/s GMR Stone Crushers	GOI MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada F.No.4-APB082/2018-CHN/7, Dt.22.12.2020 / G.O.Ms.No.9, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept, Dt.12.02.2021	2.010

As seen from the map enclosed, it is very clear that the mining leases approved by Government of India during 2012 for the Plot – “B & C” and Plot No.A during 2018 all these (3) mines are located contiguously. The Plot No.F is also contiguous to Plot No.C approved by the Government of India during 2020 in favour of M/s GMR Stone Crushers, Prop. Sri G.Maddilety Reddy, R/o Banaganapalli. Apart from above for Plot No.D & E located in the same Compt.No.313 approved by the Government of India during 2012 & 2018 respectively, but these two (2) mines i.e., D & E plots are isolated and individual and not contiguous to above.

Now the following individuals are submitted the proposals u/s of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining in Compt.No.313 of Gulamaliabad South Reserve forest for process.

S. NO	Name of the Mines	GOI/GoAP Lr.No.	Forest area diverted for (in ha.)			
			Mining	Roads	Safety Zone	Total
G	Sri G.Maddilety Reddy	Proposals are under process. Now being submitted	2.440	0.000	0.520	2.960
H	M/s Sainath Stone Crushers	Proposals are under process. Now being submitted	2.270	0.020	0.610	2.900
I	Sri Y.Mahendranath Reddy	Proposals are under process. Now being submitted	3.310	0.060	0.590	3.960

The Plot Nos. C, F and G ("G" now proposed) are pertains to Sri G.Maddilety Reddy of Banaganapalli. The Plot Nos. B & H ("H" now proposed) are pertains to Sri Y.Bala Thimma Reddy of Banaganapalli. With respect to safety zone area for Plot Nos. A, B, C, D & E separately not demarcated on maps. However, the treatment of safety zone area by leaving 7.50 mts width from the outer boundary of approved mining areas were treated by taking up afforestation long back according to the guidelines of Government of India at that time duly after demarking on ground, now the same has depicted on the cluster maps submitted herewith.

As said at supra for the Plot Nos. C, F & G, the owner of the mines applied for mining is Sri G.Maddilety Reddy, R/o Banaganapalli of which Plot Nos. C & F already approved by the Government of India and accorded Stage-II approval vide reference Nos. noted against each.

Now Sri G.Maddilety Reddy has applied for mining is marked as Plot No. G on cluster map enclosed, which is located on the northern side of Plot Nos. C & F. As such the safety zone as shown in the map as verified

and authenticated by the GIS cell is to be demarcated and proposed to take up the afforestation on this safety zone area after receipt of approval from the Government of India. Hence re-drawing of safety zone area taking the cluster all the above (3) mining leases taken together at this stage may not be appropriate, as the user agency has not applied mining in (3) plots i.e., Plot No.C, F & G at a time. Hence the proposal may be considered as individual, though it belongs to Sri G.Maddilety Reddy, Mine Owner for Plot Nos. C & F and bounded to C & F plots.

With respects to Roads, it is submitted that the Plot No.C & F having separate roads for approaching mining areas which have been considered by the Government of India, accordingly allowed.

For Plot No.G, now proposed by Sri G.Maddilety Reddy has not requested for forest land for new road to transport the mined material from mining area to outside Reserve forest, since the roads now available for Plot No.C & F are enough as the Plot No.G is bounded on the northern side of the above C & F plots and possibility to enter into Plot No.G from either of Plot No.C & F. Further the crusher of the mine owner is also located southern side of Plot No.C & F outside the Reserve forest. As such the mined material necessarily to transport through Plot No.C & F to reach either of approach roads approved for Plot No.C & F. It is felt that there is no need to propose separate road for this plot No.G.

It is also clearly mentioned in Government of India Lr.No.11-8/2001-FC, Dt.15.11.2001 (copy enclosed) that where existing forest roads outside the lease areas / cluster are being used by lessee for transporting mined minerals, it is not desirable to insist inclusion of such forest areas in the lease proposals unless a new road is proposed for such lease or cluster. The State Governments should rather permit its use on the terms and conditions to be decided by the State Government.

In view of above, the applicant Sri G.Maddilety Reddy has not applied for forest area for new approach road to Plot No.G, which may be considered.

The overburden in respect of the above subject proposals necessarily to be transport to outside the Reserve forests as the crusher of the owner is located outside the Reserve forest in non forest area. The undertaking furnished by the applicant in this regard is enclosed.

The cluster proposals and cluster maps as required are re-submitted herewith for further process in (6) sets.


This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

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Kurnool Division, Kurnool.


5/7/2021

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G. Reddy - 14/6/21

Cluster Proposals for Diversion of forest land in Compt.No.313 of Gulamaliabad South Block of Dhone Range of Kurnool Division for mining of Road Metal

INTRODUCTION:

The following (9) Nine User Agencies have applied for mining lease for extraction of Road metal in Compt.No.313 of Gulamaliabad South Block of Dhone Range of Kurnool Division and submitted proposals u/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of said areas.

S. No	Name of the Applicant	Plot No.	Name of the RF/RF in which mining is proposed	Compt No	Area proposed for diversion break up			
					Total area in Ha.	Safety Zone in Ha.	Mining area in Ha.	Road area (in Ha.)
1	M/s Venkateswara Stone Crusher, Mg. Partner Smt K.Sulochana	A	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.246	As per guidelines of Government of India, 7.50 mts width from the outer boundary of mining proposed area all along the boundary safety zone area demarcated	2.121	0.125
2	Sri Y.Bala Thimma Reddy	B	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.625		2.611	0.014
3	M/s GMR Stone Crusher, Prop. Sri G.Maddilety Reddy	C	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.662		2.560	0.102
4	Sri D.Siva Sankar Reddy	D	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.911		2.663	0.248
5	M/s Bargav Road metal Unit, Banaganapalli (Mg.Part. Sri Ch.Nagabhushana Reddy)	E	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.992		2.925	0.067
6	M/s GMR Stone Crusher, Prop. Sri G.Maddilety Reddy	F	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.590	0.470	2.010	0.110
7	Sri G.Maddilety Reddy	G	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.960	0.520	2.440	0
8	M/s Sainath Stone Crusher, Prop. Sri Y.Bala Thimma Reddy	H	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	2.900	0.610	0.270	0.020

9	Sri Y.Mahendra-nath Reddy	I	Gulamalia-bad South RF	313	3.960	0.590	3.310	0.060
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TOPOGRAPHY:

Most of areas in this Compartment is Hillock. The area is covered with small plateaus with jungle, moderate slope as shown in the map. The forest in this area occur an a continuous hilly range called Yerramalais running in North – South direction. Most of the forest area in Kurnool Division consists of highly degraded forests. There are number of barren and rocky hills with elevation of 12 mts. to 300 mts. above mean sea level without any sort of vegetative cover. The proposed mining area is a rocky with steep slopes. The classification consists of thorny scrub jungle growth. No villages are located in this forest area.

TYPE OF VEGETATIONS IN THE PROPOSED MINING AREA:

The vegetation in the proposed Reserve forest area with few shrubs and grass in Gulamaliabad South Block of Dhone Range. The density is under Eco-Class-III open forest. It is a open forest with a density is 0.1. The purpose of collection of NPV as per Hon'ble Supreme court of India, the forest areas proposed for mining falls under Eco-Class-III Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests.

MEASURES PROPOSED TO PROTECT THE WILDLIFE AND FOREST AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPOSED MINING AREAS:

The adoption of the wildlife conservation methods and wildlife habitat improvement works like creation of water, source and providing salt licks in the adjoining forest area will restrict their movement into the proposed mining area. However there are no

rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found the proposed for diversion area. The nearest Eco-sensitive Zone of Rollapadu Wildlife Bird Sanctuary is located about 48 Kms away from the proposed mining outer boundary. The user agency will be insisted to take up Wildlife Conservation measures in the vicinity of the mining area will be suggested.

SOIL & MOISTURE CONSERVATION WORKS:

The areas prone for soil erosion due to their being gentle to moderate slopes, Soil & Moisture Conservation measures like digging of Continuous Contour Trenches wherever is necessity in the vicinity. However there is no scope for construction of percolation tanks / check dams due to rocky patch of proposed mining area in Compt.No.313 of Gulamaliabad South Block.

RECLAMATION OF MINED AREAS:

The reclamation of mined areas is required to take up in the proposed manner. The reclamation of the dug out pits shall be taken by the user agency as per the mining plan approved by the IBM.

PERMANENT DEMARCATION OF THE PROPOSED MINING AREAS:

Permanent demarcation of the individual mining areas by erection of R.C.C Pillars are completed for the mines already approved by the Government of India. The RCC pillars is also proposed to erect for the proposed mining areas as it is essential to avoid disputes among the lease holders as well as preventing

encroachments into adjoining forest area not granted for mining purpose.

WORKING OF MINES:

Blasting in the mining area causes harm to the wildlife but open cast mining may not harm wildlife. The Assistant Director, Mines & Geology stated that the method of mining will be open cast manually and with the help of ordinary type of machinery like Hitachi (excavator) and Light Weight Tippers will be used for transportation of mineral. In view of this a condition "**ban on blasting**" is to be imposed to avoid any possible injuries or death of animals. Working in the night may not be permitted.

MAPS:

The following maps are submitted along with the proposals.

- 1) Cluster map showing the mining lease area of (9) user agencies duly marking the safety zone areas and Roads leading to crushers duly showing the contours.
- 2) Map showing the mining areas already approved by the Government of India/GoAP and proposals under pipeline in Compt.No.313, G.A.Bad South Block of Dhone Range of Kurnool Division.
- 3) Map showing the mining lease areas on perspective view map (Google Earth)


UNDERTAKINGS:

- 4) Undertaking to pay the cost of compensatory afforestation.

- 5) Undertaking to pay the cost of Chainlink mesh fencing, protection, Regeneration in Safety Zone area and Enrichment planting in the surrounding area of all the proposed mining areas for developing.
- 6) Undertaking to pay the NPV
- 7) Undertaking to pay the extraction charges of the tree growth in the proposed mining areas.
- 8) Undertaking to pay the cost of wildlife conservation and monitoring vicinity of the proposed mining areas.
- 9) Undertaking to pay the cost of soil & moisture conservation in the vicinity of the proposed areas.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION OF THE DFO:

Based on the field observations and interaction with the field staff and local villagers, the proposed forest area over an extent of 2.96 Ha. (mining area – 2.44 Ha., Safety Zone area – 0.52 Ha.) of forest land for grant of quarry lease for Road metal in Compt.No.313, G.A.Bad South Reserve forest, G.A.Bad Beat, Banaganapalli Section, Dhone Range of Kurnool Division have been examined holistically and after careful consideration, cluster proposals are submitted herewith along with individual proposals in (5) sets duly incorporating the CA scheme and safety zone area treatment in favour of Sri G.Maddilety Reddy, R/o Banaganapalli is recommended for consideration.


District Forest Officer,
Kurnool Division, Kurnool.

UNDERTAKING

I hereby undertake to transport overburden from the mining area to Outside the Reserve forest for dumping i.e., non forest land.



(G.Maddilety Reddy)
H.No.2/41, Banaganapalli (V) & (M)
KURNOOL DISTRICT.

57. No. 8-80/99-FC

07.11.2001

Sub: Compensatory afforestation scheme – Regarding

A detailed compensatory afforestation scheme is central to any proposal that is submitted to Government of India for seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details of species to be planted, maps of areas to be taken up for compensatory afforestation and a suitability certificate from afforestation/management point of view alongwith the cost structure of various operations.

It has come to the notice of the Ministry that compensatory afforestation schemes are being submitted at such rates which do not seem to be rational. The compensatory afforestation schemes no doubt has to be site specific and thus per hectare rate will vary from site to site. But it has been observed that at times schemes are being submitted with a cost structure which is at variance with the State norms for the same area. In this regard, it has been decided that henceforth the compensatory afforestation schemes which are being submitted alongwith the proposals for forestry clearance, must have technical and administrative approvals from the competent authority.

58. No. 11-8/2001-FC

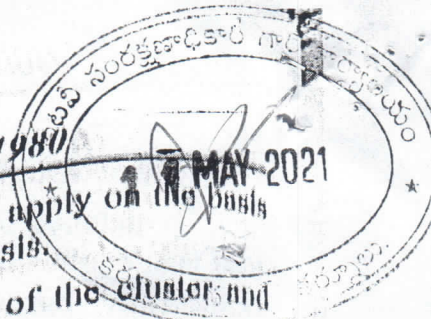
15.11.2001

Sub: Grant/Renewal of mining leases in forest area under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Regarding cluster proposals

I am directed to refer to Conservator of Forests, Goa letter No. 6-13-96/FD/Vol V/Part/793 dated 21.5.2001 seeking detailed guidelines in framing proposals under cluster mining. Certain clarifications/guidelines for cluster mining in respect of State of Rajasthan were earlier issued vide No. 11-29/94-FC dated 18.8.1994, which were State specific.

2. After careful examination of the issues involved, the following line of action, analogous to guidelines issued for the State of Rajasthan, may be followed for preparation of cluster mining proposals:—

- (a) Cluster proposal may be prepared for such leases, which have contiguous boundaries.
- (b) All the existing mines proposals/fresh proposals in pipeline be included in that including non-forest lands, if within.
- (c) States will take individual proposals from different lessees in the proforma with relevant documents.
- (d) However, with covering letter, a comparative statement of all mines with area and other details be given and all leases with boundaries be shown on one map.
- (e) Even existing approved leases be included in the proposal so that they can be brought to the same time frame.



- (f) The condition of compensatory afforestation will apply on the basis of each individual lease rather than on pro-rata basis.
- (g) The safety zone shall be at the outer boundary of the lease condition of safety zone will apply on pro-rata basis.

This is to further clarify that where existing forest roads outside the lease areas/cluster are being used by lessees for transporting mined minerals, it is not desirable to insist inclusion of such forest areas in the lease proposal unless a new road is proposed for such lease or cluster. The State Governments should rather permit its use on the terms and conditions to be decided by the State Government.

03.05.2002

59. No. 7-16/2002-FC

Government of India Ministry of Environment & Forests

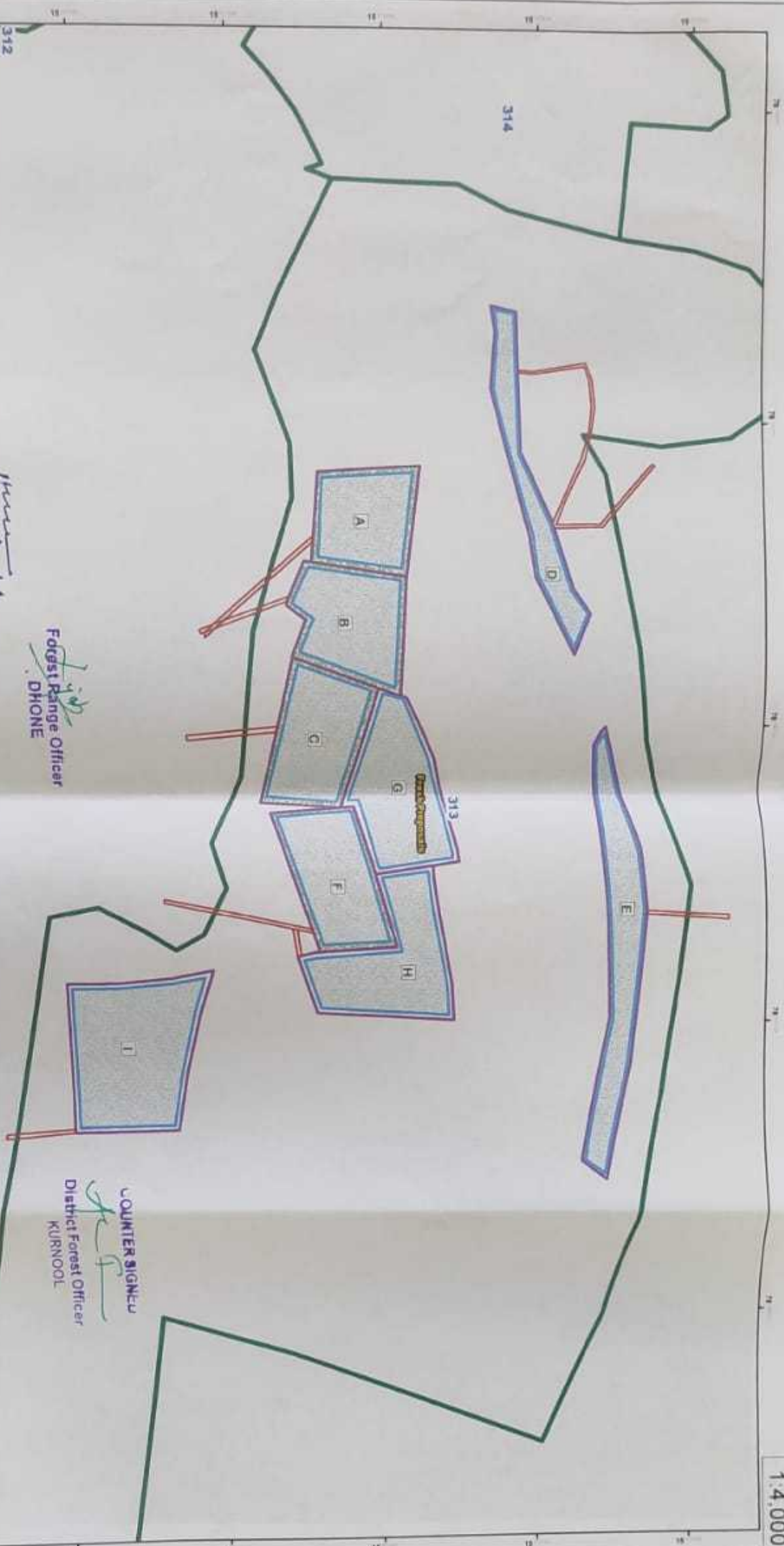
Sir,

I am directed to draw your attention to the problem of encroachments of forest lands which is assuming a serious proportion in the country. These encroachments have been attracting the attention of Central Government and State Governments have been requested from time to time to take prompt action against the encroachers under various Acts and Rules. Such encroachments are generally done by the powerful lobbies and cause great harm to forest conservation particularly when these are carried out in the remote areas in a honey comb pattern. These encroachments are also seriously threatening the continuity of the Wild Life corridors between the various National Parks and Sanctuaries. Somehow, timely action is not being taken by the frontline staff for the eviction of the encroachers which further emboldens others also for similar actions. As per the information received from various States approximately 12.50 lakh hectares of forest land is under encroachment. There may be many more unrecorded instances which will add to the overall tally.

Hon'ble Supreme Court has also been greatly concerned with this pernicious practice and in their order of 23.11.2001 in IA No. 703 in WP No. 202/95 have restrained the Central Government from regularization of encroachments in the country. There is now a need to frame a time bound programme for eviction of the encroachers from the forest lands for which following steps are suggested;

- (i) All encroachments which are not eligible for regularization as per guidelines issued by this Ministry vide No. 13.1/90-F.P.(1) dated 18.9.90 should be summarily evicted in a time bound manner and in any case not later than 30th September, 2002.
- (ii) A cell should be constituted in the PCCF office headed by a CCF level officer to plan and monitor eviction of encroachments on forest lands on a continuous basis.

Map showing Mining Lease areas already approved by the GOI/GoAP and proposals under pipeline in Compt.No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF Block of Dhone Range of Kurnool Division



Forest Range Officer
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District Forest Officer
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REFERENCE OF MINING AREAS

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Proposals under process

Legend

- QUARRY LEASE AREA
- SAFETY ZONE AREA
- ROAD
- RF_Boundary

Cluster Map showing Mining Lease areas of the (9) User agencies duly marking the Safety Zone Area and Roads leading to Crushers duly showing the contours in Compt.No.313 of Gulamaliabad South RF Block of Dhone Range of Kurnool Division



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