File No.4948/2017/FCA-3

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

From To

Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S., The Spl. Chief Secretary to

Government,

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests,

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Velagapudi.

Rc.no.4948/2017/FCA-3, Dated:13/08/2020.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 9.33 ha. of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram - CS Puram-Pamuru-Kandukur to two lane with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis - **Submission of revised proposal U/s-2 of F(C)** Act, 1980 - Reg.

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Ref:-

- 1. Online proposal no. FP/AP/ROAD/29874/2017, dated:28.11.2017.
- 2. PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur Rc.no.4948/2018/FCA-3, dated: 06.12.2017.
- 3. CF, Guntur Rc.no.1724/2017-TO, dated: 11.10.2018.
- 4. PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur Rc.no.4948/2017/FCA-3, dated: 25.10.2018.
- 5. Govt. Memo No.4949/Section-II/2018, EFS &T(Section-II) Dept., dated: 13.11.2018.
- 6. PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur Rc.no.4948/2017/FCA-3, dated: 29.11.2018
- 7. GM No. 5463/Section.II/2018, EFS &T (Section.II) Dept., dated: 12.02.2019
- 8. GM No. 5463/Section.II/2018, EFS &T (Section.II) Dept., dated: 15.02.2019
- 9. GM No. 4949/Section.II/2018, EFS &T (Section.II) Dept., dated: 21.02.2019.
- PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur Rc.no.4948/2017/FCA-3, dated: 15.03.2019.
- 11. GM No. 4949/Section.II/2018, EFS &T (Section.II) Dept., dated: 26.06.2020.

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In response to the reference 11th cited, it is submitted that, the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Left Wing extremism Division in F.no.11-18015/68/2014-LWE-III, dt.14.04.2018 (copy enclosed for ready reference) has excluded the Prakasham District from the LWE Districts category, but the copy of the letter is not received in this office during the time of submitting subject proposals to the Government in the reference 4th cited. As a result the provisions of LWE category considering Prakasham District as LWE district, were indicated only in the covering letter containing description of the project. However, no where in the proposals booklet received from the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur and Conservator of Forests, Guntur, it is mentioned as the project falling in LWE district. Hence, the provisions of LWE category project indicated for the project in the letter 6th cited, may be treated asand void.

Further, the booklets with Part-II, III & IV recommendations of the Department, which were already submitted in the reference 4th cited and which are available with the Government of Andhra Pradesh as on date (as the same were not returned through the reference 11th cited), holds good and may be considered for further processing the subject proposal under F(C) Act,

1980.

Further, it is submitted that, the details of degraded forest land identified over an extent of 18.66 ha. which is double the extent of forest area proposed for diversion (9.33 ha.) for **Compensatory Afforestation** in Compartment no.518, Nandanavanam-A Extension, Kanigiri Range, Giddalur Division and scheme for raising Compensatory Afforestation prepared with a financial outlay of Rs. 310.00 lakh for a period of (12) years commencing from 2020-21 to 2031-32 was already submitted with the proposals in the reference 4th cited. This identification of double degraded forest land also holds good, as per para 2.8 (ii) of Chapter-2 of comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F.No. 5-2/2017, FC, dated: 28.03.2019.

In view of the above, the Government are requested to forward the proposals to Government of India, MoEF &CC, RO, Chennai for according stage-I approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 9.33 ha. of forest land in Giddalur Division for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram- CS Puram —Pamuru-Kandukur to two lane with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

N.PRATEEP KUMAR

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Guntur and the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, (R&B), NH Division, Rabindra Nagar, Kadapa.

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