GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.2431/Section.II/2021/1583698

Dated:21.11.2022

From

The Special Chief Secretary to Government EFS&T Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central)
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 11.30 ha. of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram - Proposal submitted under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Additional information called for - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/6/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:28.11.2021.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.2431/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.16.02.2022.
3)From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada,Lr.F.No.4-APC146/2022-VIJ/158, dt.30.03.2022.
4)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P.,Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/6/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:04.11.2022.

With reference to your letter 3rd cited, I am to inform that in the reference 4th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished the additional information/documents for consideration of the proposal under section – 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details are as follows:

S1.	Information sought by GoI,	Information submitted by PCCF & HoFF, A.P.		
No	MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada			
1	Correct legal status of the 0.388 ha of land which is reported by the State Government as unreserved land shall be informed along with the supporting documents;	The correct legal status of land measuring 0.388 ha as Un-Reserved is a Revenue land as per the report of the Tahsildar, Y. Ramavaram after verification of village surveyors Yerramreddypalem, Y. Ramavaram along with VRO and Forest department field officers.		
		The Un-Reserved land of 0.388 ha belongs to Yarlagadda village vide Sy.No.2,12,16,18 and noted as "BANDI DARI" in Fair Adangal. As per the village map of Yarlagadda village, the land is out of Dummukonda Reserve Forest and it is very adjacent to the Dummukonda RF. A copy of the Fair Adangal & Village map of Yarlagadda village is enclosed.		
		The said Un-Reserved land is in agency area (Scheduled area) supported with tree growth and as per the dictionary meaning of forests in the light of the orders of the Supreme Court of India, it attracts Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and hence the un-reserved land of 0.388 ha is treated		

		as forest area. The details of area to be diverted in Kakinada as follows.				
		Location details	Length (in mts.)	Width (in mts.)	Area (in ha)	
		Dummukonda RF, Compt No.136,140,149,150 and 154	4263.179	9.00	3.836	
		Shesharai Enclosure	2617.653	9.00	2.355	
		Un-reserved land	431.168	9.00	0.388	
		Total	7312.00		6.580	
2	The DFO has reported that there is already an existing old cart road/ pathway of width about 3 to 6 mts. Hence, Block notification mentioning the reported / actual width & length of RoW admitted shall be submitted;	As per the notification of Dummukonda RF, the Right of Way was admitted within the reserve to a width of 10 yards (9.00 m.) for Men & Cattle. Hence, it is a footpath only. The total distance of the footpath within the Reserve is one Mile, one furlong and four chains i.e. 1980.977 m. Copy of the block notification of Dummukonda RF which the part way/ Right of way viz. Yarlagadda to Shesharai demarcated on map is enclosed.				
3	The State Forest Department shall re-examine the CA scheme and may revise the CA scheme duly including provisions to carryout required number of plants as per the Ministry's guidelines	As per para 2.3 of Chapter-2 of comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi in its letter No.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated: 28.03.2019, the non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation has been identified over an extent of 11.88 ha in survey No.204, Uppalanka, H/o Gurajanapalli (V), Karapa (M), Kakinada Division.				
		Further, as per para 2.8(i) of the above guidelines, degraded forest land over an extent of 12.01 ha has identified in compartment No.451, Diwancheruvu West RF, Kakinada Range, conducted DGPS survey. The DGPS maps of the degraded forest land identified for CA is enclosed.				

2. I request you to consider the above additional information / documents and obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for diversion of 11.30 ha. of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully, for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Executive Engineer, R&B Division, East Godavari, Rajamahendravaram-533103.