

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

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To

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

Ref.no.10384/2017/FCA-1 , Dated: 22/10/2020.

Sir,

Sub:APFD – Forest (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 20.72 ha. of forest
- land in Venkatagir Hill RF & Inagalur RF in Nellore and Chittoor Districts
for excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km.56.000 to Tail
End Km. 100.425 including CM & CD works in favour of Chief Engineer,
NTR TGP, Tirupathi – Additional information requested – Submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.10384/2017/FCA-1,
- Dt.06.11.2018.
2. GoI, MoEF, R.O., Chennai, F.no.4-APC092/2018-CHN/0104,
Dt.24.01.2019.
3. G.M.no.5104/Section.II/2018, EFS&T Dept., Dt.04.02.2019.
4. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.10384/2017/FCA-1,
Dt.06.02.2019.
5. CF, WLM Circle, Tirupati, Rc.no.326/2018/M1, Dt.21.02.2018.
6. CF, Guntur, Rc.no.1219/2018-TO, Dt.18.02.2019.
7. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.10384/2017/FCA-1, Dt.06.03.2019
8. GoI, MoEF, R.O., Chennai, F.no.4-APC092/2018-CHN/0982,
Dt.19.06.2019.
9. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.10384/2017/FCA-1,
Dt.17.10.2019.
10.G.M.no.5104/Section.II/2018, EFS&T Dept., Dt.20.01.2020.
11.PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.10384/2017/FCA-1,
Dt.11.02.2020
12.PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.no.10384/2017/FCA-1 (ii),
Dt.03.03.2020.
13.CE, NTR TGP, Tirupati, Lr.no.CE/TGP/TS/T2/SSLC/Pkg.17/Forest,
Dt.08.07.2020.

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that, the Government in the reference 10th cited, have
requested to furnish the following information on the subject proposal, for taking

further action in the matter.

- i. Ascertain from the Irrigation Department and inform whether AOCs have been issued against the officials responsible by the concerned officer; if so, furnish the details of the same;
- ii. Whether Irrigation Department has taken action against the Contractor for violation of F(C) Act, 1980, if so furnish the details;
- iii. Action taken by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, against the Forest Officials who did not prevent the work being executed in the forest area.

The Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati in the reference 13th cited (copy enclosed) has submitted information on points no.(i) & (ii) pertaining to Irrigation Department, which is as follows.

Point no (i):- Ascertain from the Irrigation Department and inform whether AOCs have been issued against the officials responsible by the concerned officer; if so, furnish the details of the same;

Reply:- The Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati has informed that, Irrigation department had warned the following officers responsible for excavation of Somasila Swarnamukhi Link Canal from Km.73.000 to Km.74.100 and from Km 75.4000 to Km.76.140 and also instructed to be very cautious in discharging the their duties in future.

1. Sri T. Kishore babu, EE, TGP Division, Venkatagiri
2. Sri Y. Parandhama Reddy, Dy.EE, SSLC & SB Sub-Division.3, KR Dam, and
3. Sri Ch.Vemaiah, AEE, SSLC & SB Sub-Division.3, KR Dam.

Point no.(ii):- Whether Irrigation Department has taken action against the Contractor for violation of F(C) Act, 1980, if so furnish the details;

Reply:- The Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati has stated that the agency has stopped the construction of structure work immediately as the Forest officials instructed to stop the work. It is so happened due to miss interpretation of the boundaries of forest land as they were not properly identified. The same was confirmed only after a detailed DGPS survey conducted jointly by the user agency and the Forest officers. Hence, the department has not initiated action against the contractor for violation.

Further, reply on point no.(iii) i.e., pertaining to the Forest Department, is as follows.

Point no.(iii):- Action taken by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, against the Forest Officials who did not prevent the work being executed in the forest area.

Reply:- Necessary action is being taken to issue Articles of Charges (AoC) against Sri K. Venkatasubbaiah (the then FRO, Srikalahasti Range) and others of Srikalahasti Range, Chittoor East WL Division for allowing the user agency for

digging Somasila Swarnamukhi Link Canal from Km 56.000 to 1000.425 falling in compt.no. 172 of Venkatagiri RF and in compt.no. 196 of Inagalur RF of Srikalahasti Range of Chittoor East WL Division.

In view of the above, the Government are requested to consider the reply and furnish the information as sought by Government of India in the reference 8th cited, for according Stage-I clearance for the subject project.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
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Copy to the Conservator of Forests, WLM Circle, Tirupati.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Chittoor East WL for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, SSLC & SB Division.3, Kothuru for information.

Copy to the Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, Tirupati for information.