

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT**

**Letter No. EFS01-12021/126/Section-II/2018**

**Dated: 05-02-2019**

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

To  
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.  
Regional Office, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floors,  
Handloom Export promotion Council Building  
34, Cathedral Garden Road,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.76 Ha. of forest land (i.e.2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of SPSR Nellore Division) for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing Reservoir No.IV under Phase-I in favour of Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur - Additional information furnished –Reg.

Ref: 1.From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.5867/2017/FCA-1, dated.14.09.2018.  
2.State Govt.Lr.No.EFS01-12021/126/Section-II/2018, dated.4-10-2018.  
3.From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr No:4-APB062/2018-CHN/1746, dt.2-11-2018.  
4.From PCCF (HoFF), A.P, Lr Rc. No. 5867/2017/FCA-1, dated.02.01.2019.

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I invite your attention to the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, in which the State Government have forwarded a proposal to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for according necessary approval under Section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.76 Ha. of forest land (i.e.2.54 Ha. passing through Udayagiri Veligonda RF and 2.22 Ha. passing through Bommavaram RF of Atmakur Range of SPSR Nellore Division) for construction of Anam Sanjeeva Reddy Somasila high level lift canal from Somasila Reservoir upto balancing Reservoir No.IV under Phase-I in favour of Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4, Gudur.

2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited have requested the State Government to furnish certain information for further consideration of the proposal.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited has submitted the following point-wise information as desired by the Government of India:-


SL.NO.	Additional information called by the GoI, MoEF&CC.	Information furnished by the PCCF (HoFF)
1.	NBWL approval for an area of 2.54 ha	The Principal Chief

	which falls in Sri Penusila Narasimha WL Sanctuary.	Conservator of Forests, (WL) & CWW, A.P., Guntur vide Rc.No.13432/2018 (copy enclosed) has forwarded the proposals to the Principal Secretary, EFS&T, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi for placing the proposal before State Board for Wildlife and for onward submission to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.
2.	As per the KML file submitted by the User Agency, a canal already exists just next to the forest land proposed for diversion for new canal. Hence need / justification for the new canal may be provided	The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has stated that as per the report of the Dy.Executive Engineer the proposed pipeline crosses the existing canal (North feeder canal) in the non-forest zone. The existing canal which is a contour canal and serves only the right side of the canal. Whereas, the proposed scheme is a lift scheme and intended to serve the higher elevations which is not commendable under the existing (gravity) canal.
3.	Details of the full project along with a map showing alignment of the canal in the forest land as well as the non – forest lands lying in between may be provided	The Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has stated that the user Agency submitted the full details of the project along with a map showing the existing North Feeder Canal as well as the proposed lift canal.

4. I am to enclose herewith a copy of the letter of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh together with its enclosures.

5. I request to consider the point-wise information in para-3 above and obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the matter at an early date.

Yours faithfully,



for Principal Secretary to Government

**Copy to:**

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

The Executive Engineer, SSLC&SB Division No.4,  
Gudur, SPSR Nellore District.