GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT Dated 17.11.2024

Letter No.1481/Section.II/2021/1226406

From The Special Chief Secretary to Government, E.F.S&T Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati-522503.

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

Sir,

E.F.S. & T. Dept.- Diversion of 11.03 ha of forest land in the erstwhile Proddatur WL Division (presently in Kadapa Division) in favour of the Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa, for the up-gradation of NH-167B from Km 51/000 to Km 58/500 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhapuram, with two lanes and paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh - Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Additional information called for - Submitted -Reg.

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS2-15034/24/2018/FCA-SEC-Ref: PCCF/FCA-3, dt.21.08.2020 and even no.dated 21.03.2021. Govt.Lr.No.1481/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 01.09.2021. GoI, MoEF&CC, the IGF(Central), IRO, 3)From Vijayawada, Lr. F. No. 4-APC 134/2021-VIJ/77, dated 30.09.2021. 4) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Rc.no. EFS02-15034/24/2018/FCA SEC -PCCF/FCA-3, dated 08.09.2022 and even no.dated 26.09.2023. 5)State Govt.Lr.No.1481/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., 12.10.2023. 6)From the AIGF(Central) GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APC134/2021-VIJ/180, dated 25.01.2024. 7)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15034/24/2018/FCA SEC -PCCF/FCA-1, dated 16.11.2024.

With reference to your letter 6th cited, I am to inform you that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, in the reference 7th cited, has submitted additional information for further processing of the proposal under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as detailed below:

The Executive Engineer, (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa requested the District Collector, YSR District to provide non-forest land for CA purpose for 11.03 ha which is free from encroachments, legal issues etc. In reply, the District Collector, YSR District allotted Non-Forest Land for Compensatory Afforestation purpose in Sy.Nos.506 B & 507 of Nandyalampet Village, Mydukur Mandal, Proddutur range of YSR District. The NFL area is authenticated/assessed as 24.78 ha after DGPS survey.

The user agency uploaded authenticated KML and Map of Non- Forest Land ii. identified for CA purpose in PART-I at appropriate places and submitted reply to

EDS raised by MoEF&CC, Gol, RO, Sub Office at Vijayawada.

The District Forest Officer, YSR District in the field inspection conducted on iii. 13.11.2024 reported that he has twice taken an extent of Non-Forest Land (24.78 ha) in lieu of proposed forest land (11.03 ha) for diversion as the NFL identified is recorded as "Forest" in Revenue Records duly following Schedule -II (sl.no.2) of Rule 13 and 14 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted approved iv. Compensatory Afforestation Scheme for an extent of 23.00 ha in 4 bits (effective area for CA) as against 24.78 ha under Semi Mechanical Method planting technique (AR) for a period of 22 years (Advance + Raising + 20 years maintenance) from 2025-26 to 2046-47 with a financial outlay of Rs.568.717 lakh vide letter dated along with site inspection with site suitability certificate of District Forest Officer, YSR District.

The approved CA scheme for 23.00 ha is in 4 bits, site inspection report with site suitability certificate was uploaded at appropriate places in EDS reply in PARIVESH portal. Copy of the report of CF, Kurnool vide letter dated along with enclosures of authenticated map of CA land, site inspection and site suitability certificate of DFO, YSR district and CA scheme is enclosed herewith.

I forward the additional information for consideration and for granting inprinciple approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the diversion of 11.03 ha of forest land in the erstwhile Proddatur WL Division (presently in Kadapa Division) in favour of the Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa, for the up-gradation of NH-167B from Km 51/000 to Km 58/500 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhapuram, with two lanes and paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Yours faithfully,

for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri for information. The Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa for information.

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