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

Letter No.EFS01-12021/88/Section-II/2018

Dated:17-12-2019.

From

The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
E.F.S&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, 1st and 2nd Floors,
Handloom Export promotion Council Building
34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 433.88 Ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli & Palakonda RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 96.50 to KM 119.00 under Package No.03/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi) Division, Proddatur - Proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Additional information furnished - Reg.

Ref: 1. From PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr. No.5163/2016/FCA-1, Dt.10-8-2018.
2. State Govt.Lr.No.EFS01-12021/88/Section-II/2018, dt.14-9-2018.
3.From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr No.4- APA077/2018-CHN/1864, dt.30-11-2018.
4.From PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr.No.5163/2016/FCA-1, dt:23-12-2018.
5.State Govt.Lr.No.EFS01-12021/88/Section-II/2018, dt.10-01-2019.
6.From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr No.4-APA077/2018-CHN/0153, dt.30-01-2019.
7.From PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr.No.5163/2016/FCA-1, dt:02-02-2019.
8.State Govt.Lr.No.EFS01-12021/88/Section-II/2018, dt.08-02-2019.
9.From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr No.4-APA077/2018-CHN/1168, dt.18-07-2018.
10.From PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr.No.5163/2016/FCA-1, dt:02-08-2019.

In continuation of the reference 8th cited, I am to enclose herewith a copy of the reference 10th cited together with its enclosures, wherein the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has submitted the additional information as sought by the Government of India , Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai in the reference 9th cited, as detailed below:

a. As per the KML file uploaded by the User Agency, it appears that, part of roads, transmission lines and towers are present within the forest area currently proposed for diversion. Hence, details of such projects for which forest area got diverted already, if any, located within the forest area proposed for diversion under the current proposal may be furnished. Details shall include information on previous diversions, purpose, actual extent of overlap over the current proposal area, consent from the

The part of the roads visible in the KML file are earthen roads and being utilized for visiting a local temple name "Akka – Devathala Temple" for many decades and as such are not covered under any earlier diversion proposals under F(C) Act, 1980. As per the notification of Ganganapalli extension RF vide section 16 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1982), dt.01.09.1907 there is a right of way. A Xerox copy of the notification of Ganganapalli Extn., RF is enclosed.

Regarding Power Transmission lines, it is

primary User Agency for re-diversion, relevant map, etc.	submitted that the proposal canal is falling in construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT & CKT 2) LILO of Kurnool-Thruveliam LILO. The GoI have accorded Stage-I approval for diversion of 36.70 Ha. of forest land in Kadapa Division for construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT & CKT 2) LILO of Kurnool-Thruveliam LILO in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Kadapa vide GoI, MoEF&CC, RO, Chennai F.No.A-APC042-2017-CHI-1600, dated 05.12.2017. The overlap area of the Power Lines is 18.92 Ha. in (6) bits. The details of the Map (area overlapped) are enclosed. Further, the UA has submitted the "No Objection Certificate" for the work execution of GNSS main canal package-03/06.
b. In segment-I, the alignment of canal appear to enter into non forest area for a short distance but the area is proposed for diversion. Hence, the legal status of the area in question may be clarified and if the area indeed falls in non-forest land, a revised map along with the extent of such area may be furnished.	The Conservator of Forests., Kurnool vide letter dt.16.07.2019 has submitted that the Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS Division, Proddatur informed to the DFO, Kadapa that the alignment of canal at the end of segment-I is located outside Reserved Forest and the same is classified as "Konda" as per the Revenue records in Sy.No.1569 in Chintakommadine Village of Chintakommadine Mandal of YSR District. Further, the CF., Kurnool has submitted that as per Survey of India Topo sheet, the above said land is mentioned as Open scrub and which attracts the provisions of Forest (C) Act, 1980 for taking up non-forestry activities as forest land mentioned in Section 2 of F(C) Act, 1980. Hence, all such proposals for diversion of such areas to any non-forest purpose irrespective of ownership requires prior approval of the Central Government.

2. I, therefore, request you to consider the additional information furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, and to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai, for diversion of 433.88 Ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli & Palakonda RF of Kadapa Division for excavation of GNSS Phase-II Main Canal from KM 96.50 to KM 119.00 under Package No.03/06 in favour of Executive Engineer, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi) Division, Proddatur, under Section 2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980.

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, SKD GNSS (Sri Krishna Deveraya Galeru, Nagari Sujala Sravanthi) Division, Proddatur.

