

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

Letter No.2968/Section-II/2022/1930580

Dated 19.02.2026

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

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.96 ha. in
Compartment no.313 of Gulamalibad South RF, Gulamaliabad
Beat, Banaganapalli Section, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division &
District for grant of quarry lease for road metal in favour of Sri
G.Maddileti Reddy, Kurnool District – submission of Additional
information - Reg.

- Ref:1) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-
15029/11/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-2, Dated:25.11.2022.
2) Govt.Lr.No. 2968/ Sec.II/ 2022/ 1930580, EFS&T(Sec.II)
Dept., dt.02.02.2023.
3) From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO,
Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB202/2023-VIJ/806, dated
30.03.2023.
4) From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-
15029/11/2018-FCA SEC- PCCF/FCA-2,
dated.16.06.2023.
5) State Govt.Lr.No.2968/Sec.II/2022, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept.,
dated 20.07.2023.
6) From the AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at
Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, Lr.F.No.4-
APB202/2023-VIJ/386, dated 02.07.2024.
7) Govt.Memo.No.2968/Section.II/2022/1930580, dated
25.01.2025
8) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.15029/11
/2018/FCA-1, dated 11.02.2026.

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With reference to the EDS mentioned in the reference 6th cited, I am
to inform that the PCCF & HoFF, in the reference 8th cited, has submitted
a reply to the EDS for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-
office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for necessary action
under the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)
Adhiniyam, 1980, and Rules, 2023, as detailed below:

S.No.	Information Sought	Reply furnished by PCCF & HoFF
1.	No proper explanation is provided by the user Agency for diverting more forest land for mining when the existing diverted area is kept unused since 2020.	<p>The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, the District Forest Officer, Nandyal has stated that, the user Agency has replied that the Mining in existing diverted forest land in 2.59 Ha area could not be started till 03.11.2023 mainly due to delay in obtaining clearance from Pollution Control Board and also delay in granting mining lease by the Dy. Director Mines & Geology, Kurnool. After obtaining the clearance from the above two Departments on 11.10.2023 and 2.11.2023 respectively, the District Forest Officer, Nandyal has accorded working permission in Proceedings Rc. No 2681/2017/A4 Dt 3.11.2023 and the mining activity in the subject area of 2.59 ha was started after 03.11.2023 and the same is under progress and the delay is not intentional.</p> <p>In this regard, as per the report of Forest Range Officer, Banaganapalli Range, FRO along with the concerned staff inspected the subject mining area on 21.11.2025 and noticed that the mining is under progress and the reply of the User agency that, the delay caused in mining is due to delay in obtaining permission from various departments.</p>
2.	Linking the present diversion area with the previously diverted 2.59 ha area for the purpose of forest Road might create fait accompli situation in future.	<p>The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, the map showing the location of Mining leases granted by the Govt of India around the proposed subject mine of 2.96 Ha in Compt No. 313, G.A. Bad RF the Banaganapalli Range duly marking the roads leading to various mines for Transport of mined material i.e, cluster mining map is enclosed for perusal.</p> <p>As seen from the mining cluster map it is noticed that the mining locations named as "C, F & G" either approved or proposals under process are on one name i.e GMR stone Crushers (pro: G. Maddilety Reddy).</p> <p>The mine location named as "C" in the map, the GOI have approved for mining lease in 2.56 ha area during 2012 vide GOI Ly no 4-APB 718/2010.BAN/1942 Dt 3.10.2012 for a period 10 years. The ruining lease Period was expired by 2024.</p> <p>Similarly, the mine location named as "F" in the map enclosed, the GOI have approved for mining lease over an area of 2.59 ha during 2020 vide GOI Lr no 4-APB 082/2018-CHN/7, Dt 22.12.2020 for Period of 15 years is now under operation.</p> <p>Regarding the other location named as "G" in the map, proposals for diversion of 2.96 Ha area are under process. This Proposed mine in 2.96 Ha area is located adjacent to already approved and existing mine which is at northern side of 2.59 Ha area approved in favour of M/S GMR stone crushers.</p> <p>Hence, the existing approach road covering 0.11 ha area which is leading to existing mine 2.59 ha can be used to the newly proposed 2.96 ha area also by crossing through 2:59 ha "(F)" as the user agency is</p>

		<p>one and same for 2.59 ha area and 2.96 ha are now proposed till the lease period of 2.59 ha" (F)" is expired. As per Govt of India guidelines minimum forest area shall be utilized for roads depending on requirement.</p> <p>Further, the District Forest Officer, Nandyal has stated that, it is submitted that there is no alternative road except the above road to transport mined material from the proposed area of 2.96 ha. Hence, transport of mined material from 2.96 ha area through 2.59 ha already approved mine in the name of same owner may be considered.</p>
3.	<p>The bare minimum requirement of forest land is not Justified as earlier diverted land is not operated till now.</p>	<p>The CF, Kurnool has submitted that, the user agency has submitted that they are unable to meet the present demand in supply of road metal to the both Government and public sector like National Highways, state Highways, Railway projects, Irrigation projects etc., are in progress in and around Kurnool and Nandyal District in A.P.</p> <p>Further, the District Forest Officer, Nandyal has stated that, it is submitted that as per the instructions issued in Chapter-7, Mining projects stated that "Mining Operations will be restricted to the forest area for which approval under clause (ii) of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Adhiniyam has been obtained by the erstwhile user agency. No non forest use of such forest lands falling within the lease shall be allowed, for which approval under aforementioned clause of the Adhiniyam has not been obtained by the State Government. Mining in such areas may be allowed only after obtaining prior approval of the Central Government under the aforementioned clause of the Adhiniyam.</p>

2. I, therefore, forward herewith the above additional information for further processing of the subject proposal under the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and the Rules, 2023.

Yours faithfully,



for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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