

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

Letter No.3043/Section-II/2016

Dated: 15-02-2017.

From
The Principal Secretary to Government,
EFS & T Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravati, -522503

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj,
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110 003 (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Proposal for diversion of Forest Lands for establishment of Industrial Hub in favor of Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (APIIC Ltd.)- Additional information submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1. GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr F.No.8-41/2016-FC, Dt 03-11-2016
2.From PCCF & HoFF, AP, Lr.Rc.No. 10817/2016/FCA-1,Dt.21-6-2016.

I am to inform that the State Government have submitted the following proposals for diversion of Forest Lands in Eluru forest Division for establishment of Industrial Hub, in favor of Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (APIIC Ltd.) with a request to accord necessary approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980:-

S.No.	GoAP Letter No. and Date	Proposed forest area (in Ha)	Compartment details	Purpose
1.	No.3744/Section II/2016.dated 14.09.2016	1018.22	Compartment Nos. 209, 211 and 212 of Nallajerla R.F., Eluru Division	Establishing home and building products hub as Nallajerla Industrial Zone
2.	No.3742/Section II/2016.dated 14.09.2016	1017.27	Compartment Nos.216 to 220 of Unguturu I & II Block Eluru Division	For Energy and Logistic support
3.	No.3043/Section II/2016 dated 14.09.2016	1137.57	Compartment Nos. 210, 213,214,215 Nallarjerla-II R.F., Eluru Division	Establishing Bio Technology Hub
4.	No. 3743/Section. II/2016 dated 09.09.2016	1294.94	Compartment Nos. 199, 200, 201, Ramasingavaram Forest Block, of Eluru Division	Establishing of Mega food processing Hub

2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in the reference 1st cited, have requested the State Government to furnish justification for establishing the projects in forest area and certain other related information.

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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in the reference 2nd cited has submitted point wise information as desired by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and the details of which are as follows:-

S.No	Information desired by GOI in their letter dt.03.11.2016	Replies submitted by the PCCF & HoFF
1.	The activities proposed are non-site specific	The user agency has furnished the Justification report on the above four proposals.
2	The Grama Sabha resolutions for entire area proposed have not been attached with FRAs. The Sate Govt. has submitted FRA certificates in all four proposals without signature of the concerned Collector & District magistrate indicating documents are digitally signed and no physical signature is required.	The user agency has obtained the Grama Sabhas resolution for entire area i.e, four (4) Grampanchayats. Regarding FRA certificates the signatures of the district collector west Godavari has been taken for all four blocks and enclosed herewith.
3.	The shape file/KML of the forest land proposed for diversion and proposed area for compensatory afforestation in each project is not given.	The user agency has furnished KML file in the form of CD's which is enclosed herewith.
4.	The Proposed area for diversion is 4468 Ha. By one UA only i.e. Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) Ltd. However a consolidated proposal is not submitted for prior approval of this Ministry under sec2. of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for consideration.	The user agency has prepared and submitted the consolidated From-A for 4468.00 Ha on the above 4 proposals which is enclosed herewith.
5.	Explore the existing alternatives actively and must give complete justification establishing in-escapability for location the project in Forest area.	The user agency has furnished detailed justification report on the in-escapability for location of the project in Forest area which is enclosed herewith.

4. I enclose herewith the letter along with the enclosures received from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh with a request to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above four projects, 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 Zonal Manager,
Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (APIIC Ltd.), Kakinada