

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Rc.No.14952/2016/FCA-1, dt. 18.11.2016.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 39.13 Ha. of forest land in Diwancheruvu East R.F. of Kakinada Division for Establishment of institution of Forest Academy for imparting training on forest protection management and Conservation of Forests in favour of D.F.O., Kakinada - Proposal submitted - Reply to the Remarks of APCCF(Central)- Request for consideration and convening REC Meeting - Reg.

Ref:- 1. FL diversion Proposal Letter from the Spl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. No. 5273/Sec.II/2016, dt.3.11.2016.
2. DCF(Central), MoEF&CC, GOI, R.O. Chennai Lr.No. F.No.4-APC024/2016-CHN/2233, dt.11.11.2016.

Kind attention is invited to the subject captioned above with reference to the letters under references cited. The observations made by the APCCF-Central, the competent authority on the forest land diversion proposal submitted by the Forest department of A.P. are noted and the following item wise remarks are further submitted for kind consideration of APCCF-Central for according required permission as sought by the State Government.

- a) It is true that the compensatory levies are essentially to be levied against every diversion proposal. However, the State Government has sought exemption as the purpose for which the diversion sought is an essential component of Forest Management. Imparting trainings to the frontline staff is statutory as per GOI norms and there should be a platform for conducting these events. As regards exemption sought, it is for the competent authority to consider as per policy in vogue taking the recommendations of the Regional Empowered Committee. Hence the request made by the State Government may kindly be placed before the REC and appropriate recommendation as deemed fit may kindly be passed.
- b) No comments against the second observation.
- c) The number of trees as per the fact of the ground was submitted. Infact, 1395 trees are falling in girth class of 01 to 30 cms and 62 No.of trees excepting Meliadubia and Barringtonia falling in girth class of 30 to 60 Cmsm. Which are no economical value. This amounts to total of 2078 number and arrives at marginal 53 trees / Ha. Added to this, it is submitted that whatever number of trees are existing and enumerated are not going to be removed and as such the proposal includes 10.80 Ha. open spaces which is predominantly designed to leave the trees without sacrificing. Rest of the trees also will be very carefully negotiated without removal

and translocating to different location within diverted area. It is also not out of place to submit that the MoEF, GOI, New Delhi while according the permission for ICFRE building in 40.00 Ha. of Dulapalli R.F. presently in Telangana vide MoEF Lr.no.8-35/96-FC, dt.5.7.1996 had not levied the compensatory afforestation. As such the prime mandate of the forest department is to plant trees and it is a regular official activity of the forest department.

- d) No doubt the area mentioned in the proposal for core institution is 7.75 Ha. But the ancillary requirements like play grounds, Hostel buildings with landscape and the internal roads with double strip avenue plantations are all the essential integral components and form part of regular curriculum.
- e) Finally, it is to submit that the proposal for locating Forest Academy is towards statutory compliance of organizing trainings which is part of Forest Management prescriptions and due to lack of infrastructure in residual A.P.

In view of the above, it is humbly requested to convene the Regional Empowered Committee to deliberate all the issues and allow the State Forest Department to justify and offer appropriate remarks against above and any further observations of the competent Authority taking into consideration of the dyre requirement of the State in view of its residuary status after the bifurcation and left with almost nil infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,
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for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

✓ Copy submitted to the Spl.Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, A.P., Velagapudi, Guntur for favour of information and necessary action.

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