

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

Letter No.5236/Section-II/2018 /(699343)

Dated: 08.09.2021

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

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 2.355 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.284 of Basivireddipalle Extn. 'B' RF of Palamaner Range of Chittoor West Division for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V) Palamaner (M) including diversion system in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner - Proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Additional information submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1)From PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Lr. Rc.No.EFS02- 15021/4/2018/FCA SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dt.11.11.2018.
2) State Govt.Lr.No.5236/Sec.II/2018, dt.01.01.2019.
3) From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr. No.4-APA093/2019- CHN/0296, dt.21-02-2019.
4)From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15021/4/2018/FCA SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dt.20.02.2020.

I invite your attention to the reference 2nd cited, in which the State Government have forwarded a proposal to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for according necessary approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.355 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.284 of Basivireddipalle Extn. 'B' RF of Palamaner Range of Chittoor West Division for formation of Reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagampalle (V) Palamaner (M) including diversion system in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner.

2. In the reference 3rd cited, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai have requested the State Government to furnish the certain additional information / documents at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal.

3. In the letter 4th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted the following information as desired by the Government of India:-

Reply to (a):- The user agency replied that while uploading the online application regarding formation of reservoir across Gangamma Sirassu Vanka near Nalagamapalle (V), Palamaner (M) including diversion structure it was mentioned as "Linear" instead of Non-linear by mistake and the user agency requested to consider the project under Non-linear.

Reply to (b):- There is a difference in the shape file available in the DSS analysis web site and as per the Division records, and that the proposed project area is falling 1.50 Km away from the boundary of Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary. As per the Eco-Sensitive Zone notification proposal and minutes of the meeting held

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on 14.12.2012 for identification of Eco-Sensitive Zone around Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary, the Eco-Sensitive Zone around Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary was proposed up to 1 Km. distance from the boundary of Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary. Further, a Wildlife Conservation Plan was prepared with an outlay of Rs.77.00 lakh for mitigating the impact of project on fauna and for the improvement of habitat in the proposed diversion area. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden has also agreed with the information submitted by Conservator of Forests, Ananthapruamu and Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor WL Division and also approved the Wildlife Conservation plan prepared for Rs.77.00 Lakh.

4. I am to enclose herewith a copy of the letter of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh together with its enclosures and request you to consider the above information and obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the matter at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N Jagadeeswar
for Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Palamaner.

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