

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

Letter No.2845/Section.II/2022/1938670

Dated 23.10.2024

From
The Special Chief 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 at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.52 ha forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveyepalli RF, Surveyepalli Extn RF of Nellore Range and Puduru & Yellasiri RF of Venkatagiri Range Nellore Division for laying optical fiber cable by M/s. Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad – Submission of additional information - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/17/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:18.11.2022.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.2845/Sec.II/2022, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 10.01.2023
3)From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB200/2023-VIJ/438, dated 31.01.2023.
4)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P.,Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/17/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 06.08.2023.
5)State Govt.Letter No.2845/Section.II/2022/1938670, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 18.08.2023.
6)From the AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office of RO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APB200/2023-VIJ/165, dated 19.01.2024
7)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/17/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 26.09.2024.

With reference to your letter 6th cited, I am to inform you that the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., in the reference 7th cited has submitted the names of erring officials who have been involved in the violation of Adhiniyam, 1980 in the subject proposal as follows:

- i. The User Agency i.e. Sri Srinivasulu, M/s. Vindhya Telelinks has submitted a representation stating that M/s. Vindhya Telelinks carried out the work as per the permission accorded by the Executive Engineer, R&B, Guduru. A copy of permission letter of EE, R&B dt.05.06.2018 is submitted for information.
- ii. In the said order the Executive Engineer, R&B, Guduru has issued permission to M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., for laying of OFC along Naidupet to Sriharikota (Via) Duggarajapatnam Road from 0 Km to 14.00 Km in SPSR Nellore and some of the portion falls in Puduru RF, Chillamur Beat of erstwhile Venkatagiri Range now under the Jurisdiction of Tirupati Division.
- iii. Further, the User Agency in his representation has informed that, the date of commencement of work was on 15.07.2018 and they did not know that the alignment falls in forest area. Further, the User Agency stated that when the Forest officials objected, the work was stopped in RF area and Forest Dept. booked a case. The User Agency has further informed that they are willing to pay the fine as per the rule. A copy of permission letter of EE, R&B dt. 05.06.2018 is submitted for information.