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## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter No. 4414/For.I(1)/2020

Dated:18.09.2021

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
Regional Officer(Central),
Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad,
Aranya Bhavan,
Opposite Reserve Bank of India, Saifabad,
Hyderabad - 500004(w.e.)

Sir,

PCOF (SF) FCA. Z ARF (MIS) Sub:- F(C) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **31.084 Ha** of Forest Land for improvements and widening of roads i) Uyyalamadugu to Thippapuram from km 0/0 to 3/0, (ii) Thaliperu Dam to Rallapuram from km 0/0 to 2/0 (iii) Rallapuram to Battigudem from km 0/0 to 3/0 (iv) Thippapuram to Battigudem km 0/0 to 4/0 (v) Errampadu to Battigudem km 0/0 to 3/0, (vi) Thippapuram to Bathinapally via chennapuram from km 0/0 to 10/3045 in Cherla (Mandal), Bhadradri-Kothagudem District in favour of R&B Circle, Khammam - Reg.

Ref:- 1.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Rc.No.4244/2019-FCA2, Dt 20.12.2019.

2. Govt.Lr. No.4414/For.I(1)/2020, Dt:29.02.2020.

3.From the Regional Office GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai F. No.4-TSC169/2020- CHN, Dt:04.09.2020.

4.From the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi (FC Division), F. No.11-09/1998FC(PT)-Part(1), Dt: 10.05.2021.

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I, am to invite your attention to the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited , wherein while enclosing the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, along with statutory proforma proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, for diversion of **31.084 Ha** of Forest Land for improvements and widening of roads i) Uyyalamadugu to Thippapuram from km 0/0 to 3/0, (ii) Thaliperu Dam to Rallapuram from km 0/0 to 2/0 (iii) Rallapuram to Battigudem from km 0/0 to 3/0 (iv) Thippapuram to Battigudem km 0/0 to 4/0 (v) Errampadu to Battigudem km 0/0 to 3/0, (vi) Thippapuram to Bathinapally via chennapuram from km 0/0 to 10/3045 in Cherla (Mandal), Bhadradri-Kothagudem District in favour of R&B Circle, Khammam it was requested to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, at the earliest.

2. I am to further inform that GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai in their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, while returning the same with a request to consider the proposal by a committee to be constituted at the State Govt. level as per the FCA, 1980 and rules/guidelines and to consider Shri B.S.S.Reddy(Retd IFS),Non Official Member, REC(SEZ) as a member for the committee to be constituted at the State Govt. level. However, the committee was not constituted.

- 3. Meanwhile, GoI, MoEFF&CC New Delhi have withdrawn paras 4.4 and 4.5 of Handbook of F(C) Act, 1980 F(C) Rules,2003 dt.28.03.2019 issued by MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi in F.No.5-2/2017/FC which delegates powers to State Government for diversification of Forest lands in LWE districts up to 40 ha for projects falling outside protected areas vide letter  $4^{th}$  cited.
- 4. I am, therefore, to forward the above proposal along with statutory proforma under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, which was already recommended in part-V and to request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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