

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

Memo.No.2633/Section-II/2021/1606355

Dated:07.02.2023

Sub: Diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.460 of Pachigunta RF, Chittoor East Range, Chittoor East WL Division for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite in favour of M/s.Sweety Granites, (Prop: Sri D.James) - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/38/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 26.12.2021.
2)StateGovt.Memo.No.2633/Sec.II/2021/1606355, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.27.01.2022.
3)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/38/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:20.06.2022.
4)State Govt.Lr.No.2633/Sec.II/2021/1606355, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.07.09.2022.
5)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.NO.4-APB185/2022-VIJ/396, dt.30.01.2023.

The attention of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, is invited to the reference 5th cited (copy enclosed), wherein it has been informed that as recommended by the REC, IRO Vijayawada the subject proposal was forwarded with recommendation to the Ministry for consideration under FCA, 1980. The Ministry returned the proposal with the following observation which needs to be clarified by the State Government;

"It is also important to mention here that a number of proposals pertaining to mining of black granite mining leases are being received from the Chittoor District for prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 which are being examined as standalone projects. It will be appropriate that a consolidated view of such mining leases, already granted/operational, under process of approval, proposed to be granted and studies, if any available on cumulative impact of such mining activity in the flora and fauna may be provided by the IRO in consultation with the State Government to enable the Ministry to take further view in the matter"

2. Further, it has been informed that, as directed by the Ministry in the earlier proposal, IRO office vide letter No.4-APB168/2022-VI/825, dated.19th December, 2022 requested to nominate PCCF (Nodal Officer FCA) as chairman of the committee to examine proposals pertaining to Chittoor holistically keeping in view all the conservation aspects and compliance of the Acts/Rules and guidelines related to and submit the report on or before 20th January, 2023. However, the said report is still awaited. It is therefore requested to include the subject project within the purview of TOR issued by IRO office vide letter No. 4-APB168/2022-VIJ/825 dated.19th December, 2022 (Copy enclosed) and direct the concerned to submit the report before 15th February, 2023.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force is therefore requested to take necessary action in the matter and furnish report to GoI, MoEF&CC within stipulated time for further action.

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SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District (w.e.)

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER //


SECTION OFFICER