

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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dated. 12.03.2021

Office of the Conservator of Forests,
Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram.

**Sri.N.Nageswara Rao, I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests.**

Sub: APFD-F©Act,1980 – Proposal for diversion of 10.69 ha forest land in compt.No.606 of Sarlanka RF of Yeleswaram Range of Kakinada Division in favour of M/s Bhaskara Minerals, Kakinada, East Godavari District - Proposals in hard copy (5sets) – submitted by DFO, Kakinada – certain omissions noticed - Reg.

Ref: 1.Prl. C.C.F & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc.no. EFS02-15029/61/2018-FCA-SEC- PCCF/FCA-2, dated 07.08.2020.
2.D.F.O, Kakinada,Rc.no. 116/2015-D1, Dt.21.12.2020.

Attention of the Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada is invited to the reference 2nd cited wherein he has submitted the proposals under FC Act ,1980 for grant of mining lease for Laterite over an extent of 10.69 ha in compt.no.606 of Sarlanka RF Block of Kakinada Division under FC Act, 1980. The proposals are examined and the following omissions are noticed.

1. Checklist information is not fulfilled properly.
2. In part-I information under item no.4 it is stated that the clearance under E(P) Act,1986 is not applicable. But the reasons are not furnished. However the user agency has furnished undertaking to obtain EC after stage-II clearance.
3. Item No.6 of Part-I information regarding the **Details of Certificates/documents enclosed as required under the instructions** is not furnished and incorporated in the proposals along with signature of the user agency. Hence the sequence of item no.5 continued with part-II proposals started with item no.7 and item no.6 is missed in part-I proposals.
4. In Part-II proposals it is shown that the legal status of Forest as Sarlanka RF which was notified under Section-16 of A.P.Forest Act, 1967 ,but it is Madras Forest Act,1882. This mistake is to be rectified.
5. The item No.2.4.(vi) & (vii) under Compensatory Afforestation Chapter of "Handbook of Guidelines for implementation of the provisions of FC Act,1980" Dated. 28.03.2019 reads as follows.

"(vi) State government shall prepare a CA scheme with 1000 plants per ha for all such non-forest lands. In case it is not possible to raise plantation at the rate of 1000 plants per ha on the selected non-forest land, then the balance plants shall be planted on degraded forest land as per working plan prescriptions. All forest lands which have crown density below 40 percent should only be treated as degraded forest land for the purpose of CA.

(vii) Any degraded forest land for the purpose of CA, selected by State Government may be accepted by MoEF&CC only if the crown density of the area is below 40 percent."

In view of the above guidelines, it is mandatory to make provision in the proposals for raising CA in degraded forest land also. The District Forest Officer, Kakinada has not furnished the proposals in degraded forest land for raising CA in equal extent of the forest land proposed for diversion.


6. A copy of the mining plan duly approved by IBM, Nagpur for major minerals (or) by controller of coal, Ministry of coal, GoI in case of coal is not furnished in the proposals.

7. The authority in which DGPS raw data is authenticated both for Forest area proposed for diversion and non-forest CA area identified in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion is not furnished.

The proposals sent by the District Forest Officer, Kakinada vide reference 2nd cited, are returned herewith. The District Forest Officer, Kakinada is requested to take action to re examine the proposals in entirety and rectify the omissions in the proposals and resubmit them immediately.

This should be treated as **most urgent** and attended on **top priority**.

Encl: As above


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To
The District Forest Officer, Kakinada.