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Date : 16th April, 2024

To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-  
522503.

**Subject: Diversion of 9.74 ha. of forest land for mining lease for laterite in Compartment No. 606 and 609, Sarlanka RF, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division in favour of Bhaskara Minerals, Kakinada, East Godavari District - Reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No.1517/Section-II/2023/2174733 dated 04.09.2023 on the above subject and to inform that the User Agency has identified non forest land for Compensatory Afforestation(CA) to an extent of 9.67 ha. only as against the proposed diversion of 9.74 of forest land. It may be noted that as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, the provision of raising CA shall be applicable for the entire forest area proposed for diversion including the forest area located in the safety zone. In view of the above, it is requested that the User Agency may be directed to provide the equal extent of suitable non forest land for CA for further processing of the proposal.

It is also submitted that as per sub rule (8) of rule 16 of Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules,2023, any provisions of extant rules will be applicable on the proposals which are yet to be granted 'In-Principle' under the Adhinyam. As per rule 10(2) of Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules,2023, the proposals for mining shall be examined and disposed by the Central Govt.(MoEFCC). Site Inspection of proposals specified in rule 10(2) by the Regional Office is to be submitted to Ministry

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Balaji Kari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to;

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department & HoFF, AP Forest Department, AranyaBhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, AranyaBhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
3. M/s. Bhaskara Minerals, No.14-8-1B, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, A1 Flat, Bhaskara Estate, Beside Devi Multiplex, Kakinada -533 001.

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**Signed by Balaji Kari**  
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