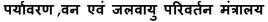


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<u>n</u> F.No. 4-APB215/2023-VIJ/1007 Date 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2023

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 9.60 ha of forest land in Compartment No.154, 155 of E.D. Pally and Compartment No. 110, 111 of Pegha RF in Chintur Division for formation of road from Yedugurralapalli to Mallampeta in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada-reg

Reference: The State Government's letters Nos. 187/Section.II/2022/(1630423) Dated: 06.06.2023 and online application No FP/AP/ROAD/83794/2020 received at IRO on 09.06.2023

Sir,

With the reference to the subject and reference cited above, it is to inform that, upon examination of the non-forest area identified for CA purpose, it is noticed that, the identified area is appears to be a VDF / MDF and it may not possible to carryout plantation of required Number of plants i.e 1000 trees / ha. It is also noticed that, to carryout required number of plantation, no such degraded forest area has been proposed. Further, it is to bring to your notice that, DFO uploaded CA scheme with financial outlay of **Rs 100 lakhs** under PART II of the online proposal. Whereas, the State Government reported that CA scheme with a financial outlay of **Rs.67.078 lakh** for a period of 12 years including advance operations, maintenance of nurseries and raising of plantations;

In view of the above, it is requested to re-examine the above issues and submit the following information/clarifications;

(i) Whether identified area **(claimed to be non-forest area)** attracts provisions of FCA, 1980 or otherwise. Actual legal status of the area in the government record may also be informed along with the supporting documents;

- (ii) DFO may please be instructed to carryout inspection of the area identified for CA purpose once again to ascertain the actual numbers of trees that can be taken up for planting in the identified area and in case it is not possible to carryout required number of plantation in the identified non forest area i.e. 1000 trees/ ha, the remaining number of plants will be required to be raised in the degraded forest area. Hence, suitable DFL area may be identified and details of such DFL area may please be furnished.
- (iii) CA scheme may please be revised accordingly and submitted;

The above information may be furnished to this office at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

## Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department & HoFF, AP Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, 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, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
- 3. The IGF, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi 110 003 for information
- 4. Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) division, ZP Compound, Kakinada, East Godavari Andhra Pradesh 533001 <u>ee\_piu\_kkd@ap.gov.in</u>
- 5. Guard file.

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