Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi: 1100 03, **Dated: 10th July, 2020**

To The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 409.53 Ha (387.13 ha Horizontal area as per ETS & DGPS Survey) of forest land in Keshavapur RF, Medchal- Malkajgiri District for construction of 10 TMC reservoir at Kesshavapuram with associated components under Godavari river source for drinking water requirements to Hyderabad City in favour of HMWS&SB, Hyderabad. -reg.,

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No. No.1430/For.I(1)/2020 dated 30.06.2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government as per Sec.2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard it is to inform that after examination of the said proposal following issues are observed: -

- i. No Objection Certificate regarding land owners of non-forest land has not been submitted along with the proposal.
- ii. Cost Benefit analysis as per the latest guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not been submitted along with the proposal.
- iii. As per DSS analysis of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) patches, it has been observed that all patches are located on hilly and undulating surface where top soil erosion has been observed. Site suitability for compensatory afforestation needs to be rechecked.

In view of the above the State government is requested to kindly furnish the above mentioned information at the earliest to this Ministry for further processing of the proposal under FCA 1980.

Yours faithfully,

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- 1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
- 2. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai is requested to be aware of above observations while carrying out site inspection of the proposed diversion, please.
- **3**. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.

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4. User Agency.5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.