From
Sri Y.Srinivasa Reddy, IFS.,
Chief Conservator of Forests &
Field Director,(FAC)
Project Tiger Circle,
Nandyal.

To
The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)
and Chief Wildlife Warden,
Andhra Pradesh,
Aranyabhavan,
Mangalagiri

Rc.No.1243/2019/TO, dated: 22.07.2023.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – F(C) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 19.13 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment No.67 & 68 of Gangalakunta RF, VP South Range, Markapur WL Division (part of Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary) in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Guntur for construction of pump house, pressure Main, Break Pressure Tank, certain portion of Gravity main & inspection path for Varikapudisela Lift Irrigation Scheme on Varikapudisela foreshore of Nagarjunasagar reservoir near Gangulakunta village, Veldurthi Mandal Guntur District – Additional information – submission of – Reg.

Ref:- 1. GOI, MoEF&CC,(WLD) F.No.6-29/2022 WL, dated 19.05.2023.

 PCCF(WL) & CWLW, AP, Mangalagiri Rc.No.21024/48/2020/WL-2, dated 31.05.2023.

Deputy Director, Project Tiger, Markapur Rc.No.2430/2019/DM, dated 28.06.2023.

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It is submitted that the Deputy Director, Project Tiger, Markapur has submitted report, in the reference 3rd cited, stating that the Scientist E, Wildlife Division, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi has communicated the minutes of 72nd SC-NBWL Meeting which was held on 25.04.2023 in the reference 1st cited. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, AP, Mangalagiri has communicated the same in the reference 2nd cited.

The report of the Deputy Director, Project Tiger, Markapur is herewith submitted for taking further course of action. Copies of the reference 1^{st} and 2^{nd} cited are enclosed herewith for favour of kind information.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action. Encl: as above.

> Yours faithfully, Sd/- Y.Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director(FAC) Project Tiger Circle, Nandyal.

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Technical Officer

From Sri .Vignesh Appavu G, I.F.S., Deputy Director, Project Tiger, Markapur

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director & Project Tiger Circle, Nandyala

Rc. No.2430/2019/DM, Dated: 28.06.2023

Sir

Sub:- APFD- PT, Markapur - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 19.13 ha of forest land falling in Compartment No.67 & 68 of Gangalakunta RF, VP South Range, Markapur WL Division (part of Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary) in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Guntur for construction of pump house, pressure Main, Break Pressure Tank, Certain portion of Gravity Main & Inspection path for Varikapudisela Lift Irrigation Scheme on Varikapudisela foreshore of Nagarjunasagar reservoir near Gangalakunta village, Veldurthi Mandal, Guntur District - Additional Information Called for - Report Submission of - Regarding.

Ref:- 1) DFO (WL) Markapur Rc.No.2430/2019/DM Dated:05.07.2021.

- 2) CCF & FDPT, Srisailam Rc.No.1243/2019/TO, Dated:28.12.2022.
- 3) DD, PT, Markapur Rc.No.2430/2019/DM Dated:30.12.2022.
- 4) GOI, MoEF&CC, (WLD) F.No.6-29/2022 WL, Dated:19.05.2023.
- PCCF (WL) & CWLW, AP, Mangalgiri Rc.No.21024/48/2020/WL-2, Dated:31.05.2023.

It is to submit that vide reference 2nd cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Project Tiger, Srisailam has instructed to submit the additional information on the following points.

- Approval of SC-NBWL for the project.
- 2. Wildlife Mitigation Plan.

Accordingly vide reference 3rd cited, a letter was addressed to the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Guntur and requested to submit above points immediately.

With respect to SI.No.1, it is to submit that, vide reference 4th cited, the Scientist E, Wildlife Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi, Government of India has communicated the minutes of 72nd SC-NBWL Meeting which was held on 25.04.2023 and the same was communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, AP, Mangalgiri vide reference 5th cited. Copies of the references 4th & 5th are enclosed for kind perusal. Wherein, the Wildlife clearance has been accorded for the said project with certain conditions.

With respect to SI.No.2, it is to submit that, the information on Wildlife Mitigation Plan was already submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Project Tiger, Srisailam vide reference 1st cited.

This is submitted for favour of information.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully, Sd Vignesh Appavu G Deputy Director, Project Tiger, Markapur.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, AP, Guntur for favour of information.

Sd/- Vignesh Appavu G Deputy Director, Project Tiger, Markapur.

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F.No.6-29/2022 WL

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

> 2nd Floor, Vayu Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003 Date: 19th May, 2023

To,

The Special Chief Secretary,

Department of Environment, Science and Technology, Aranya Bhavan, Sankurathri Residency, Agathavarappadu, Mahatma Gandhi Inner Ring Road, Peda Kakani Mandal, Guntur-522509.

Sub: Proposal for use of 19.13 ha of forest land from Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary (part of Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve) for construction of Varikapudisela foreshore of Nagarjunasagar Reservoir in Veldurthi Mandal of Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh in favour of Superintendent Engineer, Irrigation Circle Office-FP/AP/Pipeline/144181/2021.

Sir.

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The above proposal was discussed in the 72nd Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 25th April, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

- 2. After discussion, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:
- The User Agency should strictly follow the conditions while executing the work.
- ii. The status of the area shall remain as RF/PF.
- iii. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the User Agency has sought, but not for any other commercial purpose.
- iv. The User Agency should inform the commencement of the work. The diversion work will be executed under the supervision of the Forest Department
- v. The User Agency should invariably demarcate the proposed land for diversion with any suitable permanent stones / pillars. After File No. EFS02-21024/48/2020-WILD LIFE SEC-PCCF demarcation only the works should be commenced.

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The User Agency should not resort to excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of earth to be used. If such excavation is found during work period or later, the User Agency will be charged under suitable provisions of relevant acts.

The User Agency shall obey to any other conditions stipulated by the

Forest Department as per Acts and Rules.

The User Agency will be solely responsible for every violation which viii. attracts the provisions of A.P. Forest Act, 1967, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

The User Agency shall give an undertaking in accordance with the ix.

conditions stipulated.

Wildlife Mitigation Plan for Rs.235.50 lakh to be deposited Wildlife X. Conservation Projects & CSR (WLC & CSR).

Wildlife signage boards to be erected in and around the entire project. xi.

Work shall be carried out only from 6 a.m to 6 p.m. xii.

No labour camps to be established in the protected area. xiii. xiv.

Explosives shall not be used inside the TR and ESZ.

The pumps and motors shall be operational only from July to December XV. as and when required.

Pipelines shall be laid underground and alignment will be done in such a xvi. manner to avoid tree felling in the core area of the Tiger Reserve.

A patrolling post/Forest Guard Post shall be constructed along with the xvii. pump house & sub-station on the bank of Varakapudisela stream at the cost of user agency.

No labour camps shall be allowed inside the core area of the Tiger xviii.

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Construction works shall be allowed only between sunrise and sunset. xix.

The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be XX. submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

3. The minutes of the meeting have been posted online in the "PARIVESH" portal of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully.

(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati) Scientist 'E'

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Copy to:

- Chief Wild Life Warden, Department of Environment, Science and Technology, Aranya Bhavan, Sankurathri Residency, Agathavarappadu, Mahatma Gandhi Inner Ring Road, Peda Kakani Mandal, Guntur 522509.
- Deputy Director General of Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry
 of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ist and IInd Floor,
 Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road,
 Nungambakkam, Chennai-34 for monitoring the compliance of the
 conditions.
- 3. The Inspector General of Forests, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

4. The Joint Secretary, IA Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

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Rc.No.21024/48/2020/WL-2	Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri
Dated:31/05/2023	

Sri Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, I.F.S., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P.

Sub Andhra Pradesh - Forest Department - Construction of Varikapudisela LIS on :Varikapudisela Foreshore of Nagarjunasagar Reservoir near Gangulakunta Village in Veldurthi Mandal of Guntur District - Wildlife clearance -Accorded by SC-NBWL - Minutes communicated - Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref: Scientist "E", MoEF & CC, WL Division, Gol, New Delhi F.No.6-29/2022 WL Dated 19.05.2023

Copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

In the reference cited, the Scientist "E", MoEF & CC, WL Division, Gol, New Delhi has communicated the Minutes of the 72nd SC-NBWL Meeting which was held on 25.04.2023.

Among others, the following proposal is listed pertaining to the State of Andhra Pradesh. The details are as follows:

AGENDA NO.	format land from Baily Gandhi Wildlife
	Proposal for use of 19.13 ha of forest land from Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary (Part of Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve) for construction of Varikapudisela Foreshore of Nagarjunasagar Reservoir in Veldurthi Mandal of Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh in favour of Superintendent Engineer, Irrigation Circle Office. FP/AP/Pipeline/144181/2021

After discussions, the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL) recommended the above proposal with the following conditions:

- 1. The User Agency should strictly follow the conditions while executing the
- The status of the area shall remain as RF/PF.
- 3. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the User Agency has sought, but not for any other commercial purpose.
- 4. The User Agency should inform the commencement of the work. The diversion work will be executed under the supervision of the Forest
- 5. The User Agency should invariably demarcate the proposed land for diversion with any suitable permanent stones / pillars. After File No.EFS02-21024/48/2020-WILD LIFE SEC-PCCF demarcation only the works should be
- 6. The User Agency should not resort to excavation of the surrounding forest

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land for collection of earth to be used. If such excavation is found during work period or later, the User Agency will be charged under suitable provisions of relevant acts.

7. The User Agency shall obey to any other conditions stipulated by the

Forest Department as per Acts and Rules.

 The User Agency will be solely responsible for every violation which attracts the provisions of A.P. Forest Act, 1967, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

The User Agency shall give an undertaking in accordance with the conditions stipulated.

- 10. Wildlife Mitigation Plan for Rs. 235.50 lakh to be deposited Wildlife Conservation Projects & CSR (WLC & CSR).
- 11. Wildlife signage boards to be erected in and around the entire project

12. Work shall be carried out only from 6 a.m to 6 p.m.

13. No labour camps to be established in the protected area.

14. Explosives shall not be used inside the TR and ESZ.

15.The pumps and motors shall be operational only from July to December as and when required.

16.Pipelines shall be laid underground and alignment will be done in such a manner to avoid tree felling in the core area of the Tiger Reserve.

17.A patrolling post/Forest Guard Post shall be constructed along with the pump house & sub-station on the bank of Varakapudisela stream at the cost of user agency.

18.No labour camps shall be allowed inside the core area of the Tiger Reserve.

19. Construction works shall be allowed only between sunrise and sunset.

20. The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Gol.

Further, the Dy. Director, Project Tiger Division, Markapur is requested to obtain Condition-Wise compliance of the conditions stipulated by the SC-NBWL as well as the Committee from the User Agency, so as to submit the same to the competent authority at the earliest.

Encl: As above

Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) &
Chief Wildlife Warden, AP.

To

The Dy. Director, Project Tiger Division, Markpaur.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, & FD, Project Tiger Circle, Srisailam for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Guntur for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Integrated Regional Officer, South Region, MoEF & CC, Gol, Vijayawada for information.

Copy to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA), Office of the PCCF & HoFF, AP, Mangalagiri for information and necessary action.

Rc.No.21024/48/2020/WL-2 Dated:08/06/2023

Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri

Sri Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, I.F.S., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P

Sub Andhra Pradesh – Forest Department - Construction of Vaikapudisela LIS on Varikapudisela Foreshore of Nagarjunasagar Reservoir near Gangulakunta Village in Veldurthi Mandal of Guntur District – Wildlife Clearance accorded by SC-NBWL - Further Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref:

- Scientist "E", MoEF & CC, WL Division, Gol, New Delhi F.No.6-29/2022 WL Dated 19.05.2023.
- 2. PCCF (WL) & CWLW Rc.No.21024/48/2020/WL-2

Attention is invited to the subject matter and references cited.

In continuation to the reference 2nd cited, it is to inform that an amount of Rs.235.50 lakh to be deposited in Wildlife Conservation Projects & CSR (WLC & CSR) regarding Wildlife Mitigation Plan as per the condition stipulated by the SC-National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL). The Account details is as follows:

Name of the Account:	Wildlife Conservation Projects & CSR (WLC & CSR)
Name of the Bank	Union Bank of India, Kannavarithota Branch, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
Account No.	024210100114054
IFSC code:	UBIN0802425

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