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F. No. 4-APB202/2023-VIJ/386

Date: 02nd July, 2024

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 2.96 ha. of forest land falling in Compartment no. 313 of Gulamalibad South RF, Gulamaliabad Beat, Banaganapalli Section, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District for grant of quarry lease for road metal in favour of Sri G. Maddileti Reddy, Kurnool District-reg.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter dated 02.02.2023 submitted the above-mentioned proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over 3.07 ha of non-forest land in in two bits (Bit-I- 2.77 ha. and Bit-II-0.30 ha.) in Sy.no.98/1, 98/2, 98/3 & 98/4 of Kommemarri (V), Peapully (M), Kurnool District, for compensatory afforestation purpose. It is reported that the CA land identified in two bits are adjacent to Compartment no. 209, Devagudipadu RF, Peddapaya Beat, Peapully Section, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division. Following issue is noticed:

The two CA patches are 111.58 meters apart. The status of land in between is not clear. The smaller patch is 0.30 Ha in area which seems to be very small from management point of view. If the land in-between is NFL, the possibility of encroachment in future seems to be high.

The forest area proposed for diversion under instant proposal is adjacent to the area of 2.59 ha of forest area already diverted vide IRO Vijayawada letter No. F. No. 4-APB082/2018-CHN/7 dated 22.12.2020 in favour of M/s GMR Crusher. 20. As on date, the User Agency not yet started mining operation in this 2.59 ha of forest area already diverted.

The forest area proposed for diversion is mentioned to be extended portion of the forest area diverted under proposal No. FP/AP/QRY/30414/2017, Area- 2.59 ha. The

user agency has mentioned that an area of 0.11 ha already been diverted for road portion under earlier lease will be utilized for transportation of road metal. Following issues are noticed:

1. No proper explanation is provided by the UA for diverting more forest land for mining when the existing diverted area is kept unused since 2020.
2. Linking the present diversion area with the previously diverted 2.59 ha area for the purpose of forest road might create a fait accompli situation in future.
3. The bare minimum requirement of forest land is not justified as earlier diverted land is not operated till now.

Apart from that, it is requested to furnish details of the mining lease validity and reasons for not starting the mine so far by the User Agency. In this regard, I was directed by the Ministry to get the clarification pertaining to the issues raised above at the earliest to this office.

Yours faithfully,

-Sd-

(Balaji Kari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (Central)
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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 Principle 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.
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Signed by Balaji Kari

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