

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai held on 27.02.2015**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai was held on 27.02.2015 in the office of the Addl. PCCF (Central) HEPC building, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai. The following members / special invitee were present during the meeting.

1. Shri.K.S.Reddy,  
Addl.PCCF (Central),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Regional Office (SEZ), Chennai ... **Chairperson**
2. Shri. K.Jude Sekar  
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P.O. Thalambur, Off. OMR  
Chennai ... **Non-official Member**
3. Dr.C.N. Rao,  
9-10-3 Giddi Lane  
Gandhi Nagar, Kakinada,  
East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh ... **Non-official Member**
4. Shri B.S.S.Reddy  
107, White House Apartments,Road No.13,  
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad ... **Non-official Member**
5. Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar  
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Regional Office (SEZ), Chennai ..... **Member-Secretary**
6. Shri. Asutosh Samant Singhar  
Addl.PCCF/Nodal Officer,  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Chennai. ...**Special Invitee**

At the outset, Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members of REC and special invitees representing the State Government of Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu. The proposals in the agenda were examined by the Committee. The representatives of the project proponents present were also heard. Recommendations / decisions of the Committee, based on the deliberations, are as under: -

**Agenda No.1: Diversion of 4.05 Ha of forest land in Sy No. 300/1/P Compartment No. 594/P, 593/P of Julakalva Village, Singanamala Mandal, Ananthapur District, for mining lease for Dolomite, Steatite & White Shale, in favour of M/s AVSR Minerals.**

The Committee noted the following in the proposal: -

1. Legal status of the forest area proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest.
2. Density of the vegetation is less than 0.10
3. The area proposed for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.
4. Revised CA scheme including 7 years of maintenance have been furnished.
5. Map of the area of 4.05 ha proposed for diversion indicating separately, area for mining, safety zone area, area for dumping and road has been furnished.
6. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 have been furnished.
7. The subject proposal has been recommended at all levels.

The Committee after deliberations, recommended for according approval by the competent authority for diversion of 4.05 Ha of forest land in Sy No. 300/1/P Compartment No. 594/P, 593/P of Julakalva Village, Singanamala Mandal, Ananthapur District, for mining lease for Dolomite, Steatite & White Shale, in favour of M/s AVSR Minerals subject to general and specific conditions applicable in cases of mining projects in addition to the following conditions:-

1. Safety zone of 7.5 metres from the boundary shall be maintained inside the mining lease area.
2. The surrounding forest area shall be protected and rehabilitated as per the detailed plan prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

**Agenda No.2: Diversion of 3.69 Ha of forest land in Compartment No. 216 & 205 of Paradarami R.F & Ragimanupenta R.F. of Yadamarri Village, Bangarupalem Mandal, Chittoor District, for quarrying of black granite, in favour of M/s Sri Jyotheeswaram Granites, Prop: Sri B. Bajalingam.**

The Committee noted the following in the proposal: -

1. Legal status of the forest area proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest.
2. Density of the vegetation is less than 0.10
3. The area proposed for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
4. No protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
5. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 have been furnished.

6. Revised CA scheme including 8 years of maintenance have been furnished
7. Map of the area of 3.69 ha proposed for diversion indicating separately, area for mining, safety zone area, area for dumping and road, has been furnished.
8. The subject proposal has been recommended at all levels.

The Committee after deliberations, recommended for according approval by the competent authority for diversion of 3.69 Ha of forest land in Compartment No. 216 & 205 of Paradarami R.F & Ragimanupenta R.F. of Yadamarri Village, Bangarupalem Mandal, Chittoor District, for quarrying of black granite, in favour of M/s Sri Jyotheeswaram Granites, Prop: Sri B. Bajalingam subject to general and specific conditions applicable in cases of mining projects in addition to the following condition:-

1. The surrounding forest area shall be protected and rehabilitated as per the detailed plan prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

**Agenda No.3: Diversion of 4.90 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 233 & 234 of Santhapeta Reserve Forest for quarry lease of Black Granite, in favour of M/s Sri Jayashree Industries, Prop: A.M.Vinod, Chittoor Town.**

The Committee noted the following in the proposal: -

1. Legal status of the forest area proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest.
2. Density of the vegetation 0.1 in Compt. No. 233 and 0.1 to 0.2 in Compt.No.234
3. The area proposed for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
4. No protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
5. No rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna are found in the proposed area.
6. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 have been furnished.
7. Revised CA scheme including 8 years of maintenance have been furnished
8. Map of the area of 4.90 ha proposed for diversion indicating separately, area for mining, safety zone area, area for dumping and road has been furnished.
9. The subject proposal has been recommended at all levels.

The Committee after deliberations, recommended for according approval by the competent authority for diversion of 4.90 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 233 & 234 of Santhapeta Reserve Forest for quarry lease of Black Granite, in favour of M/s Sri Jayashree Industries, Prop: A.M.Vinod, Chittoor Town subject to general and specific conditions applicable in cases of mining projects in addition to the following condition:-

1. The surrounding forest area shall be protected and rehabilitated as per the detailed plan prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

**Agenda No.4 & 5: Diversion of 6.42 ha. of forest land in Papparapatti RF (Palakkode Range) in Dharmapuri Forest Division of Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Dharmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore.**

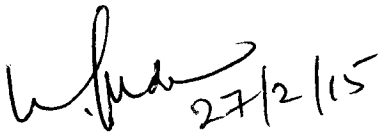
and

**Diversion of 9.1904 ha. of forest land in Tally Reserve Forest of Jawalagiri Range Hosur Division for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Dharmapuri (Salem)-Madhugiri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore**

Nodal Officer, Tamil Nadu informed that the 9.1904 ha proposed for diversion forms part of <sup>Cau</sup> ~~Kaveri~~ Wildlife Sanctuary. The committee noted that, as per the Ministry's guidelines F.No.11-9/98-FC dated 04.05.2001, permission of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India <sup>is to be obtained</sup> for further consideration of the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposals pertaining to 9.1904 ha and 6.42 ha are part of Salem (Dharmapuri) – Madhugiri 765 KV S/C line. The project authority has stated that the line has to necessarily pass through <sup>Cauvery</sup> ~~Kaveri~~ Wildlife Sanctuary.

Hence, it has been decided to take up both the proposals together after receipt of requisite permission from National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.



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