

Minutes of the 5th meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai held on 19.05.2015

The 5th meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai was held on 19.05.2015 in the office of the Addl.PCCF (Central), HEPC building, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-34. The following members / special invitees were present during the meeting.

1. Shri. Amarnatha Shetty
Addl.PCCF (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Regional Office (SEZ), Bangalore ... **Chairperson**
2. Shri. K.JudeSekar
Flat No. R-33, Arihant Heirloom Apartments,
P.O. Thalambur, Off. OMR
Chennai ... **Member**
3. Shri B.S.S.Reddy
107, White House Apartments,Road No.13,
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad ... **Member**
4. Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central) ... **Member-Secretary**
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Regional Office (SEZ), Chennai
5. Smt. Jayshree Ardey Chauhan
APCCF /Nodal Officer,
Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands ... **Special Invitee**
6. Shri B.K.Singh
CCF, Government of Andhra Pradesh ... **Special Invitee**
7. Shri. Asutosh Samant Singhar
APCCF /Nodal Officer,
Government of Tamil Nadu ... **Special Invitee**
8. Smt. R. Shobha,
Addl.PCCF /Nodal Officer
Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad ... **Special Invitee**

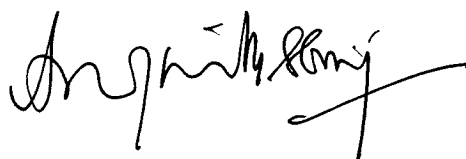
At the outset, Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members of REC and special invitees representing the UT/State Government's i.e. Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The proposals in the agenda were examined by the Committee. The representatives of the project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

State: Andhra Pradesh

Agenda No.1: Diversion of 4.05 ha of forest land in Compt.No. 593/P & 594/P in Survey No. 300/1/P of Julakaluva (Village) Muchukota R.F, Gooty Range, Annathapur Division, for renewal of mining lease for Steatite and Dolomite, in favour of M/s Sreenivasa Minerals Co., Ananthapur, Managing Partner Smt.A.Malathi

The Regional Empowered Committee noted the following facts of the proposal: -

1. In the 1st REC meeting held on 12.01.2015, the subject proposal was considered and Regional Empowered Committee recommended the proposal for renewal of diversion of land for a period co-terminus with mining lease/ 20 years, subject to usual conditions.
2. As per recommendation of REC, RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai, proposal was forwarded to MoEF & CC, New Delhi for according approval from competent authority.
3. The Subject file has been sent back to the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai and requested to furnish the following:
 - a. Place a copy of the Site Inspection Report (SIR) in the file.
 - b. In case the SIR was not placed before the REC during examination of the proposal in its meeting held on 12.01.2015, the proposal along with SIR may again be placed before the REC for their examination and appropriate recommendation.
4. Site Inspection Report (SIR) submitted by the Additional PCCF (Central) has been examined by the REC and noted the following:-
 - (i) Site was inspected by the Additional.PCCF(Central), on 12.11.2014.
 - (ii) The forest land of 4.05 ha was found to be demarcated by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbers with 20 mts intervals.
 - (iii) The forest area diverted has been used only for the purpose of mining, storage of minerals and overburden dumps.
 - (iv) An amount of Rs. 4.072 lakhs including Rs.0.55 lakhs deposited by the M/s Sreenivasa Minerals from the various cluster mines and green belt plantations have been raised around the cluster mines during 2014 palnting season.
 - (v) Of the 4.05 ha diverted area, 2.690 ha is untouched and the density of the vegetation in the area is 0.1.



- (vi) The Proposed site for diversion does not form part of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuary, Bio-Sphere, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc and the mining area does not affect any monument of historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- (vii) It has been reported that, about 60000 tonnes dolomite and steartite are still available for extraction and annual production of 3000 mt is proposed during renewal period to meet indigenous market and mining is estimated to provide direct employment to about 20 workers & staffs
- (viii) APCCF (Central), RO, Chennai recommended the proposal for renewal.

Recommendation of the REC: After examining the Site Inspection Report (SIR) submitted by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Empowered Committee recommended the proposal for renewal of diversion of land for a period co-terminus with mining lease, subject to usual conditions.

Agenda No.2: Diversion of 24.32 ha. Of forest land (i.e. 20.046 ha in Sy.No.656/11-B8 of Polepalli Village, Durgi Mandal and 4.274 ha . in Sy No. 689/2-16 in Mandai Village of Veldurthy Mandal, Guntur District) in Compartment No.82 Mandai RF, Macherla Range of Guntur Division/District, for mining lease for lime stone, in favour of M/s K.C.P. Limited, Mancherla

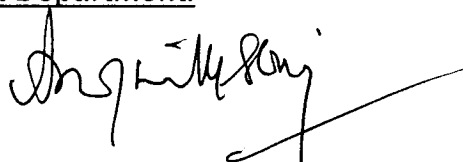
The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

(i) State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the letter No. 1585/FOR. I (1)/2009-1 dated 12.03.2009 forwarded the proposal for *diversion of 24.32 ha. of forest land (i.e. 20.046 ha in Sy.No.656/11-B8 of Polepalli Village, Durgi Mandal and 4.274 ha . in Sy No. 689/2-16 in Mandai Village of Veldurthy Mandal, Guntur District) in Compartment No.82 Mandai RF, Macherla Range of Guntur Division/District, for mining lease for lime stone, in favour of M/s K.C.P. Limited, Mancherla* to the Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(ii) After approval of the competent authority, RO, MoEF, Bangalore in its letter No. 4-APC591/2009-BAN/32 dated 2nd November, 2011 conveyed Central Government's approval (**Stage II**) under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 24.32 ha. Of forest land (i.e. 20.046 ha in Sy.No.656/11-B8 of Polepalli Village, Durgi Mandal and 4.274 ha . in Sy No. 689/2-16 in Mandai Village of Veldurthy Mandal, Guntur District) in Compartment No.82 Mandai RF, Macherla Range of Guntur Division/District, for mining lease for lime stone, in favour of M/s K.C.P. Limited, Mancherla for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:



1. The legal Status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
3. The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 24.32 ha identified non-forest land in P.N.Varam Village of Veligandla Mandal of Prakasam District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation site, if any.
4. The non-forest land for compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as PF/RF under Indian Forest, Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within six months.
5. The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency and deposited either in SB A/c No. SB01025198-CAF Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP0000371) nor in SB A/c No. 344902010105 407-Andhra Pradesh CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delh-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. UBIN0534498).
6. No construction of buildings for any purpose will be taken up in the forest area diverted for the project.
7. **The mining activity in the forest area shall be carried out as per the approved mining plan by IBM.**
8. **The user agency shall obtain environmental clearance under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.**
9. **The consent of State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed every year.**
10. No labour camps shall be established on the leased /diverted forest land.
11. Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department / Forest Development Corporation.
12. Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the Regional Office, Bangalore.
13. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.
14. The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the wildlife.
15. A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.
16. **The total forest areas utilized for the project shall not exceed 24.32 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department.**



17. Any other condition that the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore / State Government may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public conveniences, shall also be applicable.

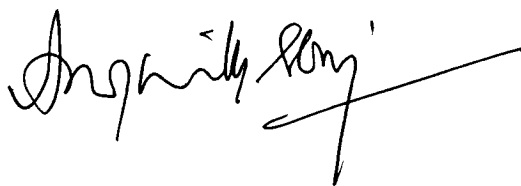
(iii) State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the letter No. GO.M.S No.37, EFS&T (For.I) Dept. dated 08.05.2012, have conveyed representation made by the user agency to Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore is as below:

1. Mining permission is under process and presently mining lease files are pending in the O/o Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad.
2. Two years period will expire on 01.11.2013 as per the condition stipulated in the Stage II approval ie. **The total forest areas utilized for the project shall not exceed 24.32 ha in case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department.**
3. For getting other approvals from State Government & Ministry of Environment & Forests will require at least 24 months for starting of the mining operations, on the above ground, UA requested to kindly extend the period for two years (i.e upto 02.11.2015).

On the above ground, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, has forwarded representation made by the UA to State Government of AP and requested to consider the request made by the UA by extending the period of one year beyond 01.01.2013 i.e upto 01.01.2014. State Government of Andhra Pradesh, forwarded a copy of the letter of PCCF, AP, Hyderabad, along with the representation made by the UA to RO, MoEF, Bangalore with a request to consider the request made by the UA by extending the period of one more year i.e. upto 1.11.2014 and requested to communicate the approval in the matter at an early date.

(iv) Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore, vide its letter No. 4-APC571/2009-BAN/4732 dated 22nd January, 2014, **it has been conveyed to State Government of Andhra Pradesh to intimate the present position of mining permission for the proposal for further action.**

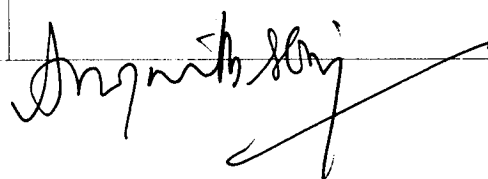
(v) State Government of Andhra Pradesh in its letter No. 8484/Section. II /2013 dated 16.04.2015 has forwarded a copy of the representation dated 10.04.2015 made by the UA i.e The KCP Ltd to Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Chennai for information and suitable action.



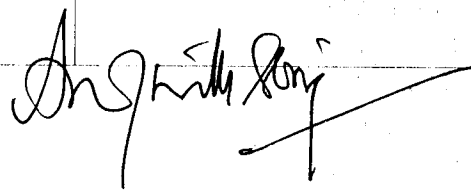
(vi) The content in representation dated 10.04.2015 made by the UA i.e The KCP Ltd is as follows:

Compliance to conditions imposed by the GOI in Stage-II approval

S.No	Condition	Compliance
1.	The legal Status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	The user agency will scrupulously follow proposals as per the given in G.O M.S No.37, dated 08.05.2012 and legal status of the Forest land shall remain unchanged.
2.	The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.	The user agency has demarcated the RF proposed land and erected 146 Cement concrete pillars around 4.274 at an interval of 20 meters and also numbered on the pillars.
3.	The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 24.32 ha identified non-forest land in P.N.Varam Village of Veligandla Mandal of Prakasam District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation site, if any.	The user agency has registered the CA land over an extent of 25.317 ha (Acres 62.56 cents) in sub-registrar office ,Kanigiri on 10-03-2011 vide registered no.1348/2011 in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur, on behalf of Govt. of India, AP.
4.	The non-forest land for compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as PF/RF under Indian Forest, Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within six months.	The CA land has been transferred and in mutated in Revenue records. The mutation certificate along with connected records issued by the Thasildar, Veligandla Mandal, Prakasam district in RC No.125/2011, Dt 18.04.2011 are enclosed and submitted to DFO, Giddaluru.
5.	The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency and deposited either in SB A/c No. SB01025198-CAF Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP0000371) nor in SB A/c No. 344902010105 407-Andhra Pradesh CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delh-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. BIN0534498).	Submitted that the user agency will pay additional NPV after revision by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future for forest land diverted for the project.



6.	No construction of buildings for any purpose will be taken up in the forest area diverted for the project.	We will follow as per the guidelines stipulated in G.O and we will not construct any buildings in the forest land diverted for the project.
7.	The mining activity in the forest area shall be carried out as per the approved mining plan by IBM.	We have obtained approved mining plan from Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Hyderabad vide approved letter No. AP/GNR/MP/ Lst-74/Hyd, dated 9.02.2015
8.	The user agency shall obtain environmental clearance under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.	State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) committee was formed in the month of Oct-2014, immediately we had applied for Environment clearance on 22.10.2014 before to consider our application. SEIAA conducted meeting on 9.12.2014 & 18.03.2015 for Environmental clearance which is under progress.
9	The consent of State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed every year.	It is under progress. After receiving Environmental clearance we will submit the application for CFE & CFO before commencement of Mining operation and it will renewed once in every two years.
10	No labour camps shall be established on the leased /diverted forest land.	We will not provide any labour camps on the diverted forest land.
11	Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department / Forest Development Corporation.	The user agency will provide sufficient Firewood to the labourers at the project cost.
12	Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the Regional Office, Bangalore.	After getting the approval of mining plan from IBM and also submit the annual report ever year to Nodal Officer and the Regional Officer, Bangalore.
13	The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.	We will preserve the Top soil separately at the project cost.
14	The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the wildlife.	We will protect and safeguard the Wild life.
15	A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked	We will follow the stipulated conditions by the GOI under Forest Act 1980.



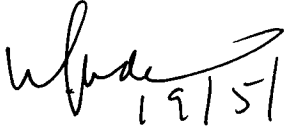
16	<p><u>The total forest areas utilized for the project shall not exceed 24.32 ha in case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department.</u></p>	<p>We will utilize 24.32 ha only. The user agency agreement executed with forest range Office, Macherla on 24.06.2013. Environmental Clearance under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and Consent for operation from State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) are pending due to non-formation of the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) committee and various reasons like AP State bifurcation. Now State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) committee was formed in the month of Oct-2014, immediately we had applied for Environment Clearance on 22.10.2014 before to consider our application. SEIAA conducted meeting on 9.12.2014 & 18.03.2015 for Environmental Clearance which is under progress.</p>
17	<p>Any other condition that the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore / State Government may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public conveniences, shall also be applicable.</p>	<p>We will follow the stipulated conditions by the GOI under Forest Act, 1980 for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.</p>

Along with condition wise present status, UA has stated that, it is very much essential that two and half years are required to get all the clearance (01.5.2016) for starting of mining operations of the project.

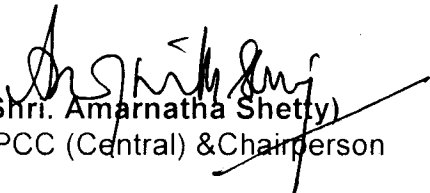
Recommendation of the REC: The committee after detailed deliberation decided to recommend the proposal to the Ministry to extend the time of 2 years granted for transfer of forest land by another three years from the expiry of the original period granted to the UA. i.e. 3 years from 1.11.2013, since the delay in obtaining





years from 1.11.2013, since the delay in obtaining Environmental Clearance & Consent of SPCB was beyond the control of the User Agency.

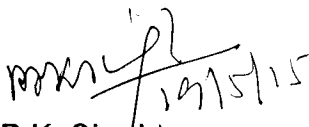

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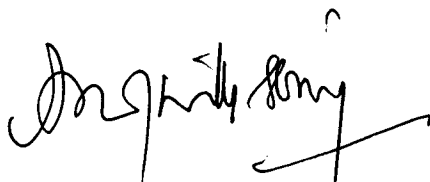
State: Telangana

Agenda No.3: Diversion of Forest land over an extent of 4.70 ha in Compartment No.586 of Jaakaram Beat and village, Mulug Mandal, Warangal District for mining lease of laterite in favour of Sri V. Prabhakara Rao

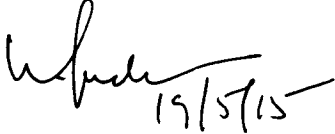
The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

1. State Government of Telangana forwarded the proposal for diversion of Forest land over an extent of 4.70 ha in Compartment No.586 of Jaakaram Beat and village, Mulug Mandal, Warangal District for mining lease of laterite in favour of Sri V. Prabhakara Rao to Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai in its letter even number dated 17th April, 2015 had requested the State Government of Telangana to furnish the following:-
 - a. Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide letter F.No. 11-9/98-Fc (pt)-dated 05.07.2013.
 - b. Confirmation regarding uploading of proposal in the Ministry's website.
 - c. Revised CA scheme including 7 to 10 years of maintenance.
3. So far, no reply has been received from the State Government of Telangana relating to information sought as above.
4. It is depicted in cluster safety zone area map that combined road (the road proposed by the ShriA.Akhil Reddy mining lease) up to BT road. Since, the proposal pertaining to Shri A.Akhil Reddy is under consideration and same is pending with State Government.

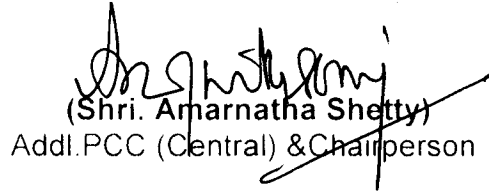
Recommendation of the REC: The proposal was discussed by the REC and it was observed that the safety zone of this project can be identified and demarcated independently of the project of Shri. A. Akil Reddy. Present proposal of the UA does not include the safety zone and for considering the proposal it is necessary that safety zone is also made part of the forest area requirement. Further, the road connectivity to transport the minerals is also incomplete. Hence, it was decided to return proposal to the State Government with an instruction to the UA to resubmit the proposal including the safety zone

required as per GOI guidelines and after ensuring the road connectivity required for implementation of the project.



(Shri. K. Jude Sekar)
Member



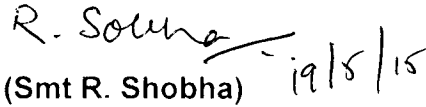
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(Smt R. Shobha)
Addl. PCCF / Nodal Officer, Telangana
Special Invitee

State: Tamil Nadu

Agenda No.4: Diversion of 11.00 ha. of forest land in Pallipatty Reserved Forest Harur Forest Division in Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Nagapattinam- Dharmapuri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore,

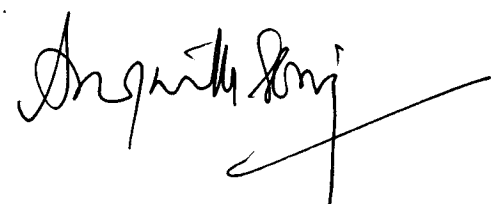
Agenda No.5: Diversion of 12.40 ha. of forest land in Nathahalli RF of Dharmapuri Range and Noolhalli and Reddihalli RF (Dharmapuri) of Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri District for laying of 765 KV S/C Transmission line between Nagapattinam- Dharmapuri in favour of Chief Manager, Nagapattinam - Madhugiri Transmission Company Ltd., subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Bangalore.

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Agenda No.6: Diversion of 6.70 ha of Forest Land in Mathikuttai Reserve Forest of Vazhappadi Range for laying of 765 KV D/C transmission line Nagapattinam-Dharmapuri (Salem) by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposals: -

- i) State Government of Tamil Nadu forwarded above mentioned proposals to RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai and requested to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii) Above mentioned proposals were considered in the 2nd meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) RO, Chennai held on 13.02.2015 and the committee approves the proposals for diversion with the following conditions in addition to the usual conditions for transmission line projects:-
 1. Forest Block map indicating the degraded area selected for Compensatory Afforestation shall be furnished with DGPS readings.
 2. Cost of raising compensatory afforestation over degraded forest and its maintenance for 10 years shall be paid @ Rs.5 lakh per ha. Revised detailed CA scheme duly signed by the DFO along with soil suitability certificate and approved by the Conservator of Forests shall be furnished.
- iii) As per approval of the REC, RO, MoEF & CC, Chennai issued In-principle (Stage-I) approval to all three proposals mentioned above with the usual conditions & additional conditions mentioned in para no ii.




- iv) In the letter No. PNMTL/ND/RF/2015 dated 21st April, 2015, CEO/PNMTL, Power Grid NM transmission Ltd, Southern Region, Transmission System-II RHQ, Bangalore made a representation that the cost arrived towards CA is on higher side, with respect to the CA cost being paid elsewhere in the country and requested to review the CA cost.

Recommendation of the REC: Regional Empowered Committee examined the representation made by the User Agency and advised State Government to submit detailed site specific cost estimate for the CA Scheme for assessing the actual cost of raising CA in the forest land. The matter will be considered in the next meeting.

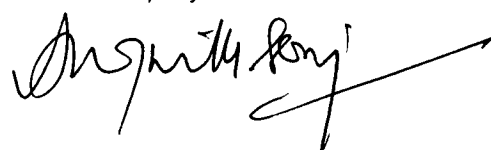
Agenda No.7: Diversion of 22.11 ha of forest land in Tamaraikuppam (7.71ha), Senjiagaram (7.81ha) & Palavakkam (7.22 ha) Reserved Forests of Tiruvallur Forest Division for formation of off take canal at 2200m of Kandalueru -Poondi Canal for formation of a new reservoir near Kannankottai & Thervai Kandigai villages in Gummidipoondi Taluk in Tiruvallur District in favour of Executive Engineer, PWD, Thervai Kandigai Reservoir Project Division , WRD, Chennai.

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

- (i) State Government of Tamil Nadu forwarded the proposal for Diversion of 22.11 ha of forest land in Tamaraikuppam (7.71ha), Senjiagaram (7.81ha) & Palavakkam (7.22 ha) Reserved Forests of Tiruvallur Forest Division for formation of off take canal at 2200m of Kandalueru -Poondi Canal for formation of a new reservoir near Kannankottai & Thervai Kandigai villages in Gummidipoondi Taluk in Tiruvallur District in favour of Executive Engineer, PWD, Thervai Kandigai Reservoir Project Division , WRD, Chennai and requested Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (ii) Legal status of the forest area proposed for diversion is 14.405 ha Reserve Forest & 7.705 ha is Unclassified Forest
- (iii) Density of the vegetation is less than 0.3
- (iv) It was noted that,1033 numbers of trees are to be felled for this project and trees have been planted in various schemes implemented since 1970s. Enumeration list with scientific names & diameter class have been furnished



- (v) The area proposed for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.
- (vi) No rare/endangered/unique Species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- (vii) No Archaeological/ Heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- (viii) Requirement of the forest area as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- (ix) Compensatory Afforestation land of 46.605 ha has been identified which lies partly in three villages viz. Mambakkam of Tirutani taluk 22.875 ha in Sy.No. 103/15, 104/1 & 105(Medu Poramboke), Nedugal 9.31 ha in Sy No. 1/1B (medu Poramboke) and Kakkalur 14.42 ha in Sy No.s. 85/1, 85/2 & 85/3(Dry Anadheenam) of Pallipattu Taluk.
- (x) CA scheme including 10 years of maintenance have been furnished. Demarcation map with DGPS reading of the revenue land identified for CA have been furnished.
- (xi) Soil suitability certificate relating to land identified for compensatory Afforestation have been furnished.
- (xii) The subject proposal has been recommended at all levels. However, PCCF, Tamil Nadu recommended the proposal for diversion subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The UA has to mutate the identified non forest compensatory land of 22.875 ha in Sy.No. 103/15, 104/1 & 105 now classified as Medu poramboke in Mambakkam of Tirutani Taluk and 14.42 ha in SF No 85/1, 85/2 & 85/3 now classified as Dry Anadheenam in Kakkalur Village and SF No 1/1B (9.31 Ha) now classified as Medu Poramboke in Nedugal Village of Pallipattu Taluk in Tiruvallur Districts (Totally 46.605 ha in this 44.22 ha has to be handed over as CA land on mutation in the name of Forest Department.
 - (b) The UA has to deposit the cost of raising CA and Maintenance of plantation for ten years as fixed by the Forest Department for the CA work proposed in the identified non forest areas of Tiruvallur District.
 - (c) The UA has to pay the amount of NPV which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
 - (d) The UA has to bear the additional NPV which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by the Forest Department in future.
 - (e) The UA has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future.



- (xiii) Noted that no spontaneous tree growth in the proposed forest area for the project.
- (xiv) Map of alternative alignment examined have been furnished.
- (xv) Proposal has been uploaded in the ministry's website.
- (xvi) Proposal site was inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central) on 12.05.2015 and has submitted his inspection report.

User Agency officials were also present in the meeting.

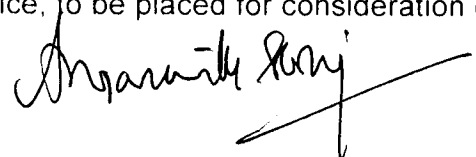
Recommendation of the REC: Regional Empowered Committee examined the proposal and heard the presentation of the user agency. It was unanimously agreed to approve the proposal with the following additional conditions:

- a. The UA will provide a crossover between 1000-1300 mt chainage across the canal to facilitate free movement of animals with a width of not less than 10 mts. Near to this cross over, a water hole of minimum 50 mts diameter will be created by the user agency.
- b. On the left bank of the canal one row of avenue trees and on the right side, on the spoil bank, strip plantation will be under taken at the cost of UA

Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai will issue in-principle (stage-I) clearance.

Additional Agenda No. 1: Diversion of 39.0 ha of Forest land for disilting & maintenance work to be carried out in the water spread area of Srivaikutam Anicut at Thoothukudi District.

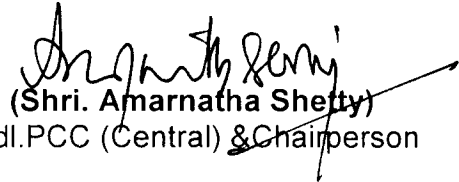
Member Secretary, REC, RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai informed the Committee that in Application No. 72 of 2015 the Hon'ble NGT (SZ), Chennai has issued a direction to the Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Tamil Nadu to send the comprehensive proposal to the RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai on or before 18.05.2015 so that proposal will be considered in the REC meeting to be held on 19.05.2015. In respect of the proposal "**Diversion of 39.0 ha of Forest land for disilting & maintenance work to be carried out in the water spread area of Srivaikutam Anicut at Thoothukudi District**", the Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Tamil Nadu has not submitted the comprehensive proposal to the Regional Office, to be placed for consideration of



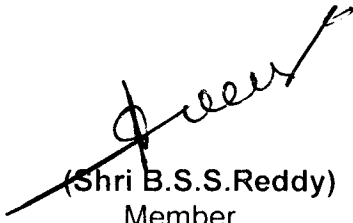
the Regional Empowered Committee till the afternoon of the 19th May, 2015. The committee took note of the above facts but could not consider this proposal in this meeting. It was agreed to consider the same in the next meeting.



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Agenda No. 8: Diversion of 5.26 ha of forest land for construction of Rural road from Shoal Bay 15 to 19.

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) noted the following facts of the proposal: -

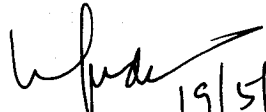
- (i) UT Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands forwarded the proposal for Diversion of 5.26 ha of forest land for construction of Rural road from Shoal Bay 15 to 19. and requested RO, Bhubaneswar to convey approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (ii) Regional Office, Bhubaneswar in its letter even number dated 25th February, 2014 requested Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration to furnish the following documents / Information:-
 - a. Necessary certificate under FRA, 2006 may kindly be furnished as per Ministry's letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.0 dated 15.01.2014).
 - b. As per Ministry's letter No.16-13/2011-FC dated 29.10.2013. The Form A/B of the proposal may kindly be uploaded in the Ministry's web site and the acknowledgement slip generated by the website may be furnished.
 - c. Actual distance of the project from the nearest Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park/Protected Area may be furnished.
 - d. Map of identified non-forest land for CA along with DGPS reading of boundary may be furnished.
 - e. Compensatory Afforestation Scheme may be submitted
 - f. DGPS map along with geo-reference reading of boundary of proposed forest land for diversion may be furnished.
 - g. It is not clear as to who has prepared the EIA Report, submitted with diversion proposal. Are there any authorized organization/agencies for this job? Detail may be furnished.
- (iii) APCCF, Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair in its letter No. CF/FCA/75/35 dated 24th April, 2015 furnished reply to the information sought in the para ii.
- (iv) Legal status of the forest area proposed for diversion is Reserve Forest
- (v) Density of the vegetation is less than 0.7
- (vi) It is reported that the area in distance between the proposed road & the adjoining protected area is detailed below:
 - a. Mount Harriet National Park-3.37 km
 - b. Kyde Islands wildlife Sanctuary-5.75 km.
- (vii) It has ^{been} noted that, 1169 numbers of trees available in the proposed site and enumerated the same.
- (viii) The area proposed for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.

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- (ix) No rare/endangered/unique Species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- (x) No Archaeological/ Heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- (xi) Requirement of the forest land proposed by the UA is unavoidable.
- (xii) 5.26 ha of non-forest land have been identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in Sy No. 24/4 of village Shoal Bay, Ferrar Gunj Tehsil, South Andaman Division.
- (xiii) Certificates related to ensuring compliance of the Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 have been furnished.

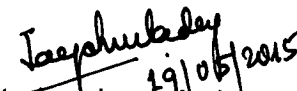
Recommendation of the REC: Regional Empowered Committee examined the proposal and considering the difficulties expressed by the Nodal Officer, it was agreed to approve the proposal, on the condition that the DGPS readings will be furnished while submitting the Stage -I compliance report. It was also agreed to relax the requirement of uploading the proposal in the website specific to this proposal alone due to this difficulty experienced in uploading the same in the website of MoEF&CC. Further, it was observed that in the detailed estimate on compensatory afforestation, items like purchase of vehicle etc are included, which may not be appropriate for an afforestation programme of 5.26 ha. Other items also need review at the State level. Accordingly, it was decided that the A&N Forest Department may recast the estimate and collect cost of CA from the UA accordingly. With the above observations the proposal was approved by the REC, for issue of in-principle (stage-I) clearance by the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai


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