

**MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE (SLC) MEETING ON WOOD BASED INDUSTRIES HELD ON 09.05.2025 IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRL. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, A.P., MANGALAGIRI.**

The 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the State Level Committee (SLC) was held on 09.05.2025 at 10.30 AM in the Office of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri to consider various proposals of Wood Based Industries for transfer of ownership by succession, Sale, relocation and other related matters as per Andhra Pradesh Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018.

The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Sri Ajaya Kumar Naik, IFS, Prl.CCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri
2.	Dr.P.V.Chalapathi Rao, IFS, PCCF (Production& RS), O/o Prl.CCF&HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri
3.	Dr.N.Nageswara Rao, IFS., CCF (WP), O/o the PCCF &HoFF, A.P., Mangalairi.
4.	Sri S.Srikantanatha Reddy, IFS., CCF (IT), O/o the PCCF &HoFF, A.P., Mangalairi
5.	Sri B.N.N.Murthy, IFS., CCF, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram.
6.	Sri K. Balaji, IFS, Asst. Inspector General of Forests, Sub-office, Vijayawada, MoEF&CC (Online)
7.	Sri G.Lakshmana Kumar, Deputy Director, ATMA, Agriculture Department
8.	Sri K.V.Vijay Ratnam, Joint Director, Industries, O/o the Director of Industries.
9.	Sri Dwara Ramakrishna, General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Federation of Timber Merchants', Sawmillers& Allied Industries.
10.	Sri Kondala Rao, President, Andhra Pradesh Federation of Timber Merchants', Sawmillers& Allied Industries.

At the outset, Dr.P.V.Chalapathi Rao, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Production& Red sanders) and Member Secretary, SLC has welcomed the Chairman and all the members of the SLC present in the meeting and briefed about the Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> SLC meeting as follows:

S.no	Agenda
1	ATR on the MoM of 20 <sup>th</sup> SLC held on 25.11.2025.
2	Proposals for Transfer of ownership
	a. by Succession (11 nos.) b. by Sale (9 nos.) c. Succession/sale along with relocation of Sawmill (7 nos.)
3	Relocation of Sawmills (2 nos.)
4	Left over Proposals for establishment of new saw mills as per the decision taken in 18 <sup>th</sup> SLC meeting.
5	Proposal to utilize SLC fund
6	Any other items with the permission of the Chair:

With the permission of the Chair, the agenda was taken up for discussion one by one.

**1. Action Taken Reports on the decisions in the 20<sup>th</sup> SLC meeting.**

The ATRs submitted by the Circle Heads on the decisions of the 20<sup>th</sup> SLC were place before the SLC and the same was approved.

**2. Proposals for Transfer of ownership:**

The SLC has examined the proposals under different categories and decisions on



each category as detailed below:

**a. Transfer of ownership by Succession:-**

The proposals mentioned below from Sl.no. 1 to 6 of the transfer of ownership by succession were approved, under Rule 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018, as the Circle Heads and the District Forest Officers concerned have recommended for transfer of ownership by succession. The proposals mentioned at Sl.no.7 to 11 of the table are returned to the Circle Heads to submit proposal to the next SLC along justification for not renewing licenses beyond the period as mentioned against column no.5.

Sl. no	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km)	License valid upto
1	2	3	4	5
1	PT, Nandyal	M/s Sri Rama Saw Mill cum Timber Deport	7.32	2024
2	Nellore	M/s. Bhagyalakshmi Sawmill	5.29	2024
3	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	M/s Arigela Krishna Murthy Saw Mill	18.80	2025
4	YSR (T)	M/s. Bharat Saw Mill	1.38 (Municipal limits)	2025
5	PT, Atmakur	M/s Basha Saw Mill	11.5	2026
6	Guntur	M/s Hiranmai Associates Timber and Merchants	8.76	2025
7	Tirupati	M/s Pallavi Saw Mill & Timber Traders	9.26	2023
8	Nellore	M/s. Srinivasa Sawmill	5.18	2023
9	Nellore	M/s. Sri Venkateswara Sawmill	4.61	2023
10	Nellore	M/s. Srinivasa Sawmill	3.08	2019
11	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	M/s Padmavathi Sawmill	10.690	2023

**b. Transfer of ownership by Sale:-**

The proposals mentioned below from Sl.no.1 to 8 for transfer of ownership by sale were approved, under Rule 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018, as the Circle Heads and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for transfer of ownership by sale. However, the proposal mentioned at S.No.9 is returned to the Circle Head to submit the proposal in the next SLC meeting along with justification for not renewing the license beyond 2023.

Sl. no	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km)	License valid upto
1	2	3	4	5
1	Kurnool	M/s Mubarak Saw Mill	1.73 (Municipal Area)	2024



2	Vizianagaram	M/s Venkata Seetha Rama Saw Mill	15.29	2024
3	Sri SatyaSai	M/s Ananthanarayana Saw Mill	0.924 (Industrial Area)	2025
4	Nellore	M/s Srinivasa Sawmill	5.47	2024
5	Krishna	M/s Durga Prasanth Timber Depot & Sawmill	28.1	2025
6	Ananthapuramu	M/s. Bramhini Saw Mill	11.97	2024
7	Ananthapuramu	M/s Srinivasa Saw Mill	15	2024
8	Guntur	M/s RK Sawmill	12.48	2025
9	Nellore	M/s. Srinivasa Sawmill	2.75	2012

**c. Transfer of ownership along with relocation of Sawmill**

1. The proposals in respect of the following (7) Sawmills were approved under Rule 11 of The Andhra Pradesh Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018, as the Circle Heads and the Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for transfer of ownership by sale along with relocation.

Sl. no	Division	Check List Type	Sawmill Name	Relocation Distance (km)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Vizianagaram	Within the division	M/s Sri Sivani Saw Mill & Wood Black Smith	6.74
2.	Vizianagaram	Within the division	M/s .Sri Sanyasi Raju Saw Mill	8.23
3.	Bapatla	Within the Division	Vijaya Durga Sawmill	8.68
4.	Bapatla	Within the Division	Bhaskar Rao Sawmill	29.30
5.	Guntur	Vizianagaram	Sri Lakshmi Sawmill	18.44
6.	Kakinada	Within the Division	M/s Sri Vijaya Sawmill	20.429
7	Eluru	Within the Division	M/s Sri Raja Rajeswari Sawmill cum Timber Depot	4.064 (Industrial Area)

2. Ratification of Approvals granted under Rule 5 (5) of WBI (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018.

Sl.No.	Circle	Division	Sawmill Name	Category Issued
1	Kurnool	Nandyal (T) Division	Mahaboob Subhani Sawmil	Transfer of ownership along with relocation

- The CFs/FD, Kurnool, PT Nandyal have submitted proposal of M/s. Mahaboob Subahani, Nandyal District for transfer of ownership by sale and relocation as follows.

Transfer of Sale:- From Sri G.Ismail, Banganapalli, Nandyal District to Sri Guindeelu Gari Khaja, Chagalamarri (V) & (M), Nandyal District



Relocation of Saw Mill:- Relocation is from Nandyal (T) Division to Project Tiger Division, Nandyal

- As per rules 5(5) of the A.P.Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) Rule, 2018, the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri in Rc.No.EFS02-18031/7/2024-P.3, dt.09.02.2025 has accorded approval for sale and relocation of the above proposal.
- The SLC has ratified the action taken by PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.**

### 3. Relocation of Sawmills:-

The proposals in respect of the following Saw Mills were approved, under Rule 11, of the Andhra Pradesh Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018 as the Circle Heads and the Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for relocation of saw mill.

Sl. no	Division	Check List Type	Sawmill Name	Relocation Distance (km)
1.	Annamayya Division	Within the division	M/s M.G.Reddy Saw Mill	4.73 (Municipal Area)
2.	Krishna	Within the Division	M/s AyyappaSwamy Timbers and Sawmill	6.51

### 4. **Left over proposals for establishment of new saw mills as per the decision taken in the 18<sup>th</sup> SLC meeting.**

- In the 18<sup>th</sup> SLC meeting held on 19.02.2024, the SLC has made the following recommendation regarding the establishment of new saw mills.

S.No.	Description	Number of proposals
1	Accorded permission for establishment of new saw mills	85
2	Proposals considered subject to submission of non-residential area certificate	10
3	Re-examination of rejected proposal	125

- As of now (i.e., from 19<sup>th</sup> SLC to 20<sup>th</sup> SLC), (4) proposals were considered out of (10) proposals and (7) proposals were considered out of 125 rejected applications, for establishment of new saw mills.
- Now, the Circle Head, Tirupati and the DFO, Tirupati have submitted the following revised proposals against the item no.2 of the above table for consideration.

Submission of non-residential certificate (10 proposals)							
Sl. No	App. ID	Division	Name of Sawmill	HP Total	Timber allocation req. (Cum)	Remarks	Decision
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	AP101092	Tirupati	M/s. Prasanna Saw Mill & Timber Trader	40	1080	Non-residential certificate submitted by District Grama Panchayat Officer.	Accepted



## 5. Proposals to utilize SLC fund:-

- The amount available in SLC account as of March, 2025 is Rs.18.3489362 Crore. It is proposed to utilize the SLC fund for conservation and protection of critical habitats for threatened species through appropriate interventions of in-situ and ex-situ afforestation measures. In this regard, the following proposals were received from the Field Officers.
  1. Kakuru RF, Compat.No.121 of Rampachodavarm Division
  2. Compt.no.213, Kundada RF of Rampachodavarm Division
  3. Compartment no.4 of Marigurra RF of Chintur Division
  4. Compt.No.733, Pullangi RF of Rampachodavarm Division
  5. Kambakam Durgam, Kambakam RF of Tirupati Division
  6. Kangimadugul locality of SVNP, Balapalli Range, Annamayya Division.
  7. Siddaleru locality of SVNP, Balapalli Range of Annamayya Division.
  8. Compartment No.431, 449 & 450 of Munchiputtu Range of Paderu Division.
- As per the directions of PrI.CCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, the above proposals were placed before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) on 08-04-2025 to define the characteristics and parameters to identify areas to be taken up for conservation of critical habitats, preservation sacred groves etc.
- The RAC examined the proposals in detail and suggested to take up base line and ethnobotanical studies to understand species distribution in the proposed areas in the first instance by providing required budgetary support for survey and demarcation of critical habitats and intensive fire management measures. Part of critical habitats need to be preserved and some sub plots have to be earmarked for monitoring purpose.
- ***The SLC has resolved to allocate initially Rs.25.00 lakh funds from the SLC fund for survey and demarcation and intensive fire management of the above sites and sacred grooves and initiating afforestation measures for identified species from the above sites.***
- ***The CCF (Research), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri is requested to obtain fund application from the concerned to release funds.***

## 6. Other items:

### I. Establishment of wood based industry by M/s. Century Panel Limited, Gopavaram (V) & (M), YSR District:-

- On 17.12.2022, the DFO, YSR division has issued certificate of registration to M/s. Century Panels Limited under Rule (8) of the AP WBIs (E&R) Rules, 2018, for establishment of HPL, Medium Dense Fibre board (MDF), Particle Board and Plywood at Industrial Park, Gopavaram (V) & (M), YSR district, subject to certain conditions, without taking prior approval of SLC.
- The SLC in its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25.11.2025, has resolved to ratify the action taken by DFO, YSR (T) division, Kadapa, subject to payment of Rs.50.00 lakh by M/s. Century Panel Limited for establishment of MDF & Particle Board.
- However, M/s. Century Panels Limited have established only MDF and paid an amount of Rs.30.00 lakh.
- ***The SLC has resolved to revise the ratification orders issued in the 20<sup>th</sup> SLC meeting by permitting M/s. Century Panels Limited to establish MDF only.***

### II. Transfer of additional machinery sanctioned to M/s. Sri Maddilety Swamy Saw Mill, Pathikonda (M), Kurnool District to M/s. Shahid Saw Mill, Sy.No.262/1A, Chinnahulthi (V), Pattikonda (M), Kurnool District.

- Sri K.Ranjit Kumar, owner of the M/s. Sri Maddilety Swamy Saw Mill, Sy.No.180, Pathikonda (M), Kurnool District, has sold his saw mill to Sri D.Subhan, M/s. Shahid Saw Mill, Sy.No.262/1A, Chinnahulthi (V), Pathikonda (M), Kurnool District and applied for transfer of ownership by sale and relocation.



- The SLC in its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.02.2024, has approved proposal for transfer of ownership by sale and relocation.
- Before submitting proposal, Sri K.Ranjit Kumar, M/s. Sri Maddilety Swamy Saw Mill, Pathikonda (M), Kurnool District, has applied for additional machinery i.e, Horizontal Saw with 20 HP (existing additional machinery – Vertical Saw – 15 HP)
- The Additional machinery was sanctioned by the SLC in its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.02.2024 to K.Ranjit Kumar, M/s. Sri Maddilety Swamy Saw Mill, Pathikonda (M), Kurnool District.
- Subsequently, Sri K. Ranjith Kumar previous owner of M/s. Sri Maddiletyy Sawm Saw Mill has requested that additional machinery ie., Horizontal Saw 20 HP sanctioned to him, may be permitted / transferred in favour of Sri D.Subahan M/s. Shahid Saw Mill as his saw mill was already transferred to Sri D.Subhan, M/s. Shahid Saw Mill.
- The CF, Kurnool and the DFO, Kurnool has requested for consideration of the request.
- ***The SLC has resolved to consider the request of transfer of additional machinery sanctioned in 18<sup>th</sup> SLC in favour of Sri K.Ranjit Kumar, M/s Sri Maddiletyy Swamy Saw Mill to Sri D.Subhan, M/s. Shahid Saw Mill, Kurnool District.***

**III. W.P No. 6722 of 2025 filed by Sri P.Sattibabu, S/o. P.Jaggarao, owner of Sri Rama Lakshmi Saw Mill, Butchaiahpet (V) & (M), Anakapalli District before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., Amaravati.**

- The SLC in 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.01.2022, has approved the proposal for transfer of ownership by sale and relocation of Sri Rama Lakshmi Saw Mill, from Kaikaluru (V), Krishana District to Butchaiahpet (V), Visakhapatnam District (now it is falling in Anakapalli District).
- Subsequently, on verification in the field, it was noticed that, the relocation area is within 5 km from Kandipudi CA area (i.e., 2 km) and accordingly DFO has issued notice to the Petitioner intimating that not to operate the saw mill and advised to shift the saw mill to other location beyond 5 km. The license was also not renewed.
- Aggrieved by the above, Sri P.Sattibabu, M/s. Sri Ram Lakshmi Saw Mill, Butchaipeta (V) & (M), Anakapalli District has filed a W.P.No.8489 of 2023 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P.
- The Hon'ble High Court in its order dt.24.01.2024, has allowed the W.P and set aside the notice issued in Rc.No.1244/2021-S6, dt.01.12.2022 by DFO and directed the respondents to permit the petitioner to run saw mill as per the relocations orders.
- Aggrieved by the order of the Single Judge dt.24.01.2024, the State has filed a W.A.661/2024 and justified their action with reference to Rule 3(2) and 11 (2) of A.P.Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) Rules, 2018.
- The HHC on 29.10.2024 has dismissed the W.P considering the non-issuance of notification of CA land.
- Aggrieved by the orders, the DFO, Anakapalli has filed review Petition.
- Pending disposal of the review petition, the Petitioner has filed W.P.No.6722 of 2025 before the HHC seeking directions to renew the saw mill license.
- The HHC has passed interim orders on 19.03.2025, as follows.

"There shall be an order to the official respondents to consider the grant of renewal of license, keeping in mind the observations. The Official respondent no.2 (SLC rep.by PCCF &HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri) is directed to pass the final order within a period of two weeks from today".

The W.P was posted for 30.04.2025.



- The proposal of the Sri P.Sattibabu, S/o.P.Jaggarao, M/s.Sri Ram Lakshmi Saw Mill for grant of renewal of license has not been considered in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 12.12.1996 in W.P.No.202/1995 in T.N.Godavaram Thirumalakapa Vs Union of India and amendment made the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by GoI, MoEF&CC and instructions was issued to the DFO, Anakapalli vide this Office Ref.No.18031/11/2025-P.3, dt.29.04.2025, to appraise the above said order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in addition to the amendment made to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, by filing additional affidavit in consultation with the G.P for Forests, Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati to review the directions issued in W.P.No.6722 of 2025 by the Hon'ble High Court of A.P.
- ***The SLC has resolved to ratify the action taken by the by PCCF & HoFF, A.P.***

**IV. W.P.No.18398 of 2024 filed by Sri P.Narayana Reddy, S/o Lakshmi Reddy, R/o Gopavaram (V), Proddatur (M), YSR District.**

- The DFO, YSR Division has issued orders revoking the license for shifting the saw mill illegally from Sy.no.52/B1A to Sy.No.52 A Gopavaram (V), Proddatur (M), YSR District.
- Aggrieved by this, Sri P.Narayana Reddy, Sri Venkateswara Saw Mill has filed W.P.No.18398 of 2024 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., against revocation orders issued by DFO, YSR Division on 03.08.2024.
- The Hon'ble High Court of A.P., has passed orders on **23.11.2024** as follows.

"As there is a dispute with regard to submission of license for shifting, without going into merits of the case, the present W.P is disposed of directing the petitioner to submit a fresh application along with Form-I for renewal of the license to the respondents within a period of (2) weeks from the date of the receipt of this order. On receiving such application, the respondents are directed to consider the same in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders, within a period of (4) weeks there from and communicated the decision to the Petitioner. Till such time, the respondents are directed not to take any coercive steps. There shall be no orders as to costs.

- Sri P.Narayana Reddy, Sri Venkateswara Saw Mill has submitted an application on 01.12.2024 requesting to renew his saw mill license.
- The CF, Kurnool and the DFO, YSR (T) Division have recommended for renewal of license.
- ***The SLC has resolved that, the DFO, YSR (T) Division may re-examine the whole issue with reference to the rules in force and take suitable necessary action. Further, before sending the proposals received from DFO, YSR (T) Division, the Circle Head, Kurnool should examine the proposal critically with reference to the rules in force as it involves shifting of saw mill also and send proposal to the SLC only if the SLC is required to take decision on the issue.***

**V. Writ Petition No.11840 of 2016 filed by Sri B. Lokanatha Naidu before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., at Amarvathi.**

- On 27.08.2015, the FRO, Chittoor has seized M/s. Sri Venkateswara Sawmill, K.G. Sathram (V), Bangarupalem (M), Chittoor District as the sawmill is running without any license since 20 years.
- Subsequently, Sri B. Lokanatha Naidu has put up an application to DFO, Chittoor West on 29.12.2015 in Form-I **and requested for grant of license.**
- The DFO, Chittoor West vide Proceeding Rc.No. 3714/2015/A5, Dt: 27.01.2016 has replied that, **license can't be granted to him since the location of the saw mill falls within the 5 Km. distance from the nearest Reserve Forest boundary.**



- Aggrieved by the proceedings issued by the then DFO, Chittoor West, Sri B. Lokanatha Naidu has filed a Writ Petition No.11840 of 2016 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., at Amaravati
- *The HHC has passed order 13.02.2024 allowing Writ Petition by setting aside the proceedings dated 27.01.2016 of the 3rd respondent (DFO) and directed the Petitioner to submit an application for renewal of license to the respondent authorities and the same shall be considered by the respondents, in accordance with law.*
- Accordingly, the petitioner Sri B. Lokanatha Naidu, K.G. Sathram Village, Bangarupalem Mandal of Chittoor District has submitted application to the DFO, Chittoor on 01.08.2024 and requested to grant license for the said sawmill as per the orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of A.P.
- In view of orders of HHC, the DFO, Chittoor and CF, Ananthapuram have recommended the proposal to place the proposal before the 21<sup>st</sup> SLC for renewal of license to M/s Sri Venkateswara Saw Mill.
- ***The SLC has resolved that, the DFO, Chittoor Division may re-examine the whole issue with reference to the rules in force and take suitable necessary action. Further, before sending the proposals received from DFO, Chittoor Division, the Circle Head, Ananthapuramu should examine the proposal critically with reference to the rules in force since the location of the saw mill falls within the 5 km distance from the nearest RF boundary and send proposal to the SLC only if the SLC is required to take decision on the issue as per the rules.***

**VI. W.P No.16050 of 2016 filed by Sri S. Chand Vali, S/o S. Ibrahim, Owner of Sri Raja Rajeswari Saw Mill, Proddatur, YSR District in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati.**

- Sri Rajarajeswari Saw Mill was established by Sri. K.Subramanyachari in the year 2004 in Onipenta Village. Subsequently, it was shifted to Sy.No.643 of Gopavaram Gramapanchayat, Proddatur Mandal, Kadapa District vide DFO, Proddatur Rc.No.254/2008-P7, dt.20.01.2009.
- The Petitioner (S.Chand Vali) has purchased the saw mill from K.Subramanyachari and got transferred in his name in the year 2009.
- The DFO, Proddatur on 27.11.2013 has revoked the license on the ground the saw mill was established within 5 km from the boundary of RF. Further the appeal filed by the Petitioner was also rejected by CF, Kurnool.
- Aggrieved by the above, the Petitioner has filed W.P.No.16050 of 2016 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P.21.02.2024.
- *The Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in its order dated 21.02.2024, while referring to judgment of Hon'ble Division Bench of erstwhile High Court of Andhra Pradesh in DFO Vs Sree Venkateswara Saw Mills, has allowed the W.P by setting aside the proceedings dated 27.11.2013 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondents and the consequential proceedings dated 12.04.2016 of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent.*
- In view of the above, the CF, Kurnool and the DFO, YSR Division have recommend the proposal of Sri S.Chandvalli for renewal of license.
- ***The SLC has resolved that, the DFO, YSR (T) Division may re-examine the whole issue with reference to the rules in force and take suitable necessary action. Further, before sending the proposals received from DFO, YSR (T) Division, the Circle Head, Kurnool should examine the proposal critically with reference to the rules in force and the send proposal to the SLC only if the SLC is required to take decision on the issue as per the rules.***



**VII. W.P.No.32613 of 2013 filed by S. Khaja Peer, M/s Royal Saw Mill Proddatur Town, YSR Kadapa District.**

- Sri S.Mahaboob Hussain has established a saw mill in the year 1983 in the name of style of "Royal Saw Mill" in Sy.No.539 & 534, Mudukur road, Proddatur Town and it was renewed regularly every year upto 2012.
- Thereafter, Sri S.Khaja Peer, Petitioner, in the year 2011 has purchased the saw mill and got renewed the license in his favour in the year 2012.
- The DFO, Proddatur No.2880/2003-P7, dt.10.06.2013 has revoked the license.
- The Petitioner has filed appeal to the CF, Kurnool. The appeal was also rejected by CF, Kurnool on the ground that the petitioner has shifted the saw mill without prior permission of the competent authority and the location to which the saw mill was shifted falls within 5 km from the RF which is a violation of the AP Saw Mill (Regulation) Rules, 1969 and G.O.Ms.No.91, EFS&T department, dt.11.07.2006
- The Petitioner has filed W.P.No.32613 of 2023 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P.
- The Hon'ble High Court has passed order on 20.06.2024 allowing the W.P by setting aside the proceedings No.2880/2003-P7, dt.10.06.2013 and consequential orders in Rc.No.4529/2013/M6, dt.24.10.2013.
- ***The SLC has resolved that, the DFO, YSR (T) Division may re-examine the whole issue with reference to the rules in force and take suitable necessary action. Further, before sending the proposals received from DFO, YSR (T) Division, the Circle Head, Kurnool should examine the proposal critically with reference to the rules in force and send proposal to the SLC only if the SLC is required to take decision on the issue as per the rules.***

**VIII. W.P.No.32597 of 2013 filed by Smt.Syed Akramunisa, M/s. Sree Ram Saw Mill, R/o Proddatur, YSR District.**

- Sri S.Abdul Khadar has established Sri Rama Saw Mill in Sy.No.533/1, Shivalaym Street, Proddatur Town in the year 1977.
- In the year 2011, the Petitioner's husband, Sri S.Mahaboob Basha has purchased the saw mill from S.Abdul Khadar and got renewed by DFO, Proddatur Rc.NO.3964/2003-P7, dt.25.01.2012.
- The DFO, Proddatur No.2880/2003-P7, dt.10.06.2013 has revoked the license as the saw mill was shifted without permission from the competent authority.
- The Petitioner's husband has filed appeal to the CF, Kurnool. Pending appeal, Sri S.Mahaboob Basha died on 29.08.2013. Further, the appeal was rejected by CF, Kurnool in Rc.No.4530/2013/M6, dt.24.10.2013 on the ground that the petitioner has shifted the saw mill without prior permission of the competent authority
- The Petitioner has filed W.P.No.32597 of 2023 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P.
- The Hon'ble High Court has passed order on 20.06.2024 allowing the W.P by setting aside the proceedings No.2964/2003-P7, dt.10.06.2013 and consequential orders in Rc.No.4530/2013/M6, dt.24.10.2013 in view of the judgment of Hon'ble Division Bench of erstwhile High Court of Andhra Pradesh in DFO Vs Sree Venkateswara Saw Mills.
- ***The SLC has resolved that, the DFO, YSR (T) Division may re-examine the whole issue with reference to the rules in force and take suitable necessary action. Further, before sending the proposals received from DFO, YSR (T) Division, the Circle Head, Kurnool should examine the proposal critically with reference to the rules in force and send proposal to the SLC only if the SLC is required to take decision on the issue as per the rules***



- **IX. Additional Agenda:- Proposal for conducting study on wood availability in Tree Outside Forests by the AP Forest Department in collaboration with Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun.**
- As per Rule 6(1) of the A.P.Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) Rules, 2018, The State Level Committee shall assess the availability of timber in the State by way of appropriate study on demand and supply as and when it decides. The Committee shall devise suitable mechanism for sustainable use of timber in a way that does not affect the forests of the area adversely.
- The DG, FSI, MoEF & CC, GoI, Dehradun in his letter dated 18.04.2025, has informed that, they have completed study on Trees Outside Forests for State of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana etc., in view of respects from the respective State Forest Departments. The study is being carried out by FSI in collaboration with respective State Forest Departments (SFDs). All the technical support including sample point generation, design, field forms, manual and training is being provided by the FSI. The field work is being carried out by the respective SFDs after getting necessary training from the FSI. The analysis and report writing work is being done by FSI.
- Hence, he has requested to assess the requirement of Wood Availability Study (TOF-R) in Andhra Pradesh State and inform them to take up the study as per the requirement.
- **The SLC has resolved to carry out wood balance study by A.P Forest Department in collaboration with FSI, Dehradun.**

**X.** During the meeting, discussions have been taken place regarding the grey areas in the guideline issued by MoEF&CC, dt.23.09.2016 & 29.11.2017 and the A.P.Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) Rules, 2018 issued by State Government in G.O.Ms.No.48, EFS&T (Section.II) Dept., Dt.08.05.2018 in pursuance of the MoEF&CC guidelines.

After discussion, the SLC has decided that, a separate meeting to discuss all the grey area in the Rules will be conducted with all the members of SLC, the Circle and Head and DFOs to submit necessary proposals for amendments to the Government for effective implementation of the Rules. The members of the SLC, the Circle Heads and DFOs are requested to submit their reports by 30.05.2025 on identified grey areas while implementing the Rules to finalize the Agenda before convening the meeting.

The meeting concluded with thanking all the members for participating and providing valuable inputs.

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