

~~Government of Andhra Pradesh~~
Forest Department

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Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator
of Forests, Andhra Pradesh-Hyderabad

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CIRCULAR NO. 7/87

Sub: Minor irrigation - creation of irrigation potential in Tribal areas - implementation of Minor irrigation schemes in sub plan areas - instructions issued - reg.

Ref: 1. CCF's circular No.1/83(Rc.No.73680/80-G5) and 1-A/83
(Rc.No.83680/80-G5 dt. 16.1.83 and 10.3.1983)

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Attention of all the Officers is invited to the detailed instructions communicated in the above circulars and guidelines of Government of India issued from time to time under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 laying down the procedure to be followed for various proposals, formalities to be completed and clarifying various other aspects thereunder for processing the proposals for obtaining prior approval of Government of India under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for the use of any forest land for non-forestry purpose.

2. The forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the various instructions, circulars and the guidelines were communicated to all the officers concerned to this department and other officers from time to time to follow the instructions and procedure thereunder. The Govt. of India Lr.No.2-3/86 FC dt.31.7.86, contains the detailed guidelines issued in their circulars dated 25.2.1983 and 3.9.1983 for submission of proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes, listed chronologically and also subsequent various circulars issued from time to time either to resolve some difficulties, clarify certain points or to cope-up with new situation. They have been communicated in this office Rc. No.89661/86-G5 dt.23.10.1986.

The Government while considering various measures for the economic development of tribal areas for which number of Minor Irrigation schemes are being proposed to be implemented for this purpose. One of the measures for the economic development of Tribal area is to tap all surface and ground water potential in sub-plan areas for speedy implementation of Minor Irrigation scheme at tribal areas. The Govt. have requested to issue suitable instructions to all the sub-ordinate officers of the forest department under intimation to the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation as to the procedure etc. to be followed for obtaining expeditious clearance for speedy implementation of the Minor Irrigation schemes.

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15. Whether the factory is situated adjoining ecologically sensitive areas like sanctuaries, Zoological parks, National parks, Deer Parks, bird sanctuary, Wild life refuges, Mangrove areas etc. If so, shortest/ Straight line distance to said areas.
16. Will setting up the industry involve felling of trees in notified catchments and in more than 10% of slopes.
17. Whether the factory emits any hazardous radiation into the forests and Ecologically sensitive areas?
18. What is the effect of noise pollution if any over the flora and fauna of the adjoining Reserve Forest.
19. Whether any mining lease has been applied for in the RF for raw material for the factory/ industry proposed to be set up outside RF If so details? if not where is raw material requirement proposed to be met?
20. Whether any breeding grounds and habitat of rare and endangered species (Wildlife) within adjoining RF will be effected due to the effluents that may be let out into water course or on atmosphere?
21. General Remarks and specific recommendations of Divisional Forest officer/ Conservator of Forests.

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countersigning officer(CF)

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of recommending authority(DFO)

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All the Officers are therefore requested to keep in view the facts stated above, and scrupulously follow the forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and all the Govt. of India's guidelines referred to above while submitting the proposals ie., statutory proformae, questionnaire form, maps, rehabilitation maps if any, likely number of trees to be sacrificed, submergence area showing in a map, cost benefit analysis particulars etc. The requisitioning agencies have to identify alternate non-forest area equal in extent on ground for preparing compensatory afforestation scheme after joint inspection of both the departments and the requisitioning agency to find out its suitability for raising plantations therein, which is a prerequisite condition for obtaining Government of India's clearance under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. In case such areas fall within wildlife sanctuaries or proposed sanctuaries, the same should be pointed-out.

All the Officers are requested to process and submit all Minor Irrigation schemes particularly in tribal areas within 15 days from the date of receipt of the proposal from the irrigation department alongwith a detailed self-contained report giving factual facts of the proposal alongwith the full particulars copies of maps etc. as required as per the guidelines and instructions already communicated from this office for submitting to Government and Government of India for necessary action.

The receipt of the circular instructions may be acknowledged urgently.

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Chief Conservator of Forests-M.

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