

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Sub:- Forest (Cons) Act, 1980-Diversion of
Foresttland for non-forestry purposes
in approved cases-Handing over of the
RF areas to the User Agencies-guidelines for
implementation-Reg.

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Instandesh have come to the notice of this
office of inordinate delays as well as doviations
in handing over the R.F.areas to User Agencies in
cases approved by the Government of India. The Field
Officers are aware of the Forest (cons) Act, 80,
under high approval of Govt. of India's obtained
for diversion of any R.F. land for non-forestry
purpose. The Govt India lays down conditions
while approving such diversion of Forest land.
Inspite of clear guide line laid down, there are
delays and deviations which need to be avoided.
Therefore. following guidelines are issued for
handing over the RF areas to the User Agencies.

1. In all cases of diversion of RF areas for non.
forestry purposes, the stipulations made by the
Govt. of India, while giving approval, shall be
strictly implemented.
2. Once the stipulations required to be complied
with before taking any action for transfer of
RF areas are complied with and the compensatory
area and funds for raising compensatory
plantations are received, the should not be
any delay on the part of the Forest Department
in handing over the approved areas to the
User Agencies.
3. The Conservator of Forests, having territorial
jurisdiction over the forest area to be
diverted, shall get the area demarcated on the
ground with permanent pillars as per the
diversion proposal approved with the help and
finances of the User Agency. The surveyed
sketch of the area proposed and approved
for diversion will be attested by the
concerned Divisional Forest Officer and autho-
rised officer of the User Agency.
4. Once the area is demarcated on the ground, the
Conservator of Forests will get the tree
growth extracted departmentally, through the

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Divisional Forest Officer, Logging/Territorial at the cost of User Agency. For this purpose funds will have to be obtained from the User Agency in Advance, deposited under Civil Deposit, and Logging work to be completed to avoid unnecessary delays. Where the area is large, the Conservator of Forests may divide the area into annual coupes and take into consideration the priorities of the User agency, if any the extracted produce shall be disposed off by the Conservator of Forests as per DES proposal.

5. After the area is cleared of the tree growth, it shall be handed over to the authorised officer of the User Agency, by the concerned territorial D.F.O. Copy of the surveyed sketch indicating the area handed over/taken over only attested, shall be submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer to the Conservator of Forests, along with barge transfer certificate. In turn the Conservator of Forests shall report to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests the block-wise area actually diverted with reference to the approval accorded.
6. No deviation or discrepancy in the RF areas to be transferred shall take place and the transfer shall be strictly as per the GOI approved original proposal. If in case of un-avoidable circumstances, and such deviation is found necessary, the same shall be intimated to PCCTF prior to transfer of RF areas, with full justification and revised proposals in full shape, duly attested by the User Agency, for taking further action in the matter.

The Officers in the Address entry are requested to follow the above instructions with immediate effect and acknowledge the receipt of this circular.

Sd/- K. Kesava Reddy,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

To
All Conservators of Forests (Territorial)
All Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial)
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