

MINUTES OF THE 10th STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE (SLC) MEETING HELD ON 16.09.2020, IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, O/o THE PrL. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, A.P., GUNTUR.

The 10th meeting of the SLC was convened on 16.09.2020 at 11.30 a.m in the Conference Hall, O/o the PrL.Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur to consider various proposals of saw mill renewals, transfers, relocations and other related matters as per Andhra Pradesh Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018.

Following members participated in the meeting:

1	Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS, PrL.CCF & HoFF, A.P	Chairman
2	Dr. R.P.Khajuria, IFS, APCCF (Production), O/o the PrL.CCF & HoFF, A.P	Member Convenor
3	Sri L. Chandrasekhar, IFS, DIG, R.O, Chennai	Member
4	Sri T.Appi Reddy, OSD, APFDC Ltd., Guntur	Member
5	Smt.Y. Swapnapriya, Superintendent, CCLA	Member
6	Sri P.S. Srinivasa Sastry, IFS., CF, Guntur	Member
7	Sri P. Kondala Rao, President, Andhra Pradesh Federation of Timber Merchants, Sawmillers & Allied Industries	Member
8	Sri Dwara Ramakrishna, General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Federation of Timber Merchants, Sawmillers&Allaid Industries.	Member

At the outset, Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS, PrL.CCF & HoFF, welcomed all the members present in the meeting and Sri L. Chandrasekhar, IFS, DIG, RO, Chennai, who took part in the meeting through video conferencing in view of his inability to attend the meeting in person due to COVID-19 situation.

The Addl.PCCF (Production) briefed the SLC members about the Agenda items listed for the 10th SLC as follows:

S.no.	Agenda
1	ATR on the MoM of 9 th SLC held on 15.07.2020.
2	Proposals for Transfer of ownership a. by Succession (18) b. by Sale (14) c. along with relocation of saw mill (10)
3	Relocation of saw mills (8)

4	Fresh license for lapsed licenses (1)
5	Any other items with the permission of the Chair. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. G.O amendment 2. Sri Sai Sawmill & Timber Depot, Y. Palem, Prakasam District. 3. Authorizing the DFO(T) for renewal of licenses beyond 31st December, 2020, as per the rules in vogue. 4. Authorizing the DFO (T) for renewal of licenses of those eligible sawmills which made late remittance of enhanced fee, subject to appropriate action by the Licensing Authorities under Rule 14 (2)(b).

With the permission of the Chair, agenda items were taken up one by one for discussions and deliberations.

1. Action Taken Report of the 9th SLC meeting.

ATR on the decisions of the 9th SLC was placed before the SLC and the same was approved by the SLC.

2. Proposals on Transfer of ownership:

The SLC reviewed and deliberated upon the proposals received from the field, in detail, after segregating them into various categories and decided for each category as detailed below:

a. Transfer of ownership by Succession

The list of (18) sawmill cases of Transfer of ownership by succession, placed before SLC, were examined by the members of the Committee and agreed to transfer the ownership under Rule 11 in (13) cases from S. no. 1 to 13, wherein both the Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for the transfer of ownership.

For (5) cases from S.no. 14 to 18, as the Circle Head, Rajahmundry has not furnished his recommendations and remarks, the committee authorized the Prl.CCF & HoFF to take appropriate decision to accord permission for transfer of ownership after receipt of reports from the Circle Head, Rajahmundry.

Sl. no.	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km.)
1	Anantapur	Mahaboob Subhani Sawmill	6.68
2	Anantapur	New Hindustan Sawmill	1.65
3	Giddalur	Sri Balaji Saw Mill & Timber Depot / Wood Based In	21.8
4	Kurnool	Nazeer Saw Mill	2.06
5	Kurnool	Maistry Abdul Shukur Sahib Saw Mill	1.83
6	Krishna	lakshmi Saw Mill	3.8
7	Krishna	Lakshmi Venkateswara Saw Mill	4.2
8	Narsipatnam	SRI VEERANJANEYA SAW MILL	3.22
9	Srikakulam	Sri Taratarini Sawmill	9.32

10	Srikakulam	Sri Ramakrishna Sawmill & Depot	9.34
11	Visakhapatnam	M/s Kavari Packing Enterprises	0.4
12	WLM Rajampet	M/s Sri ShiridiSaibaba Saw Mill	1.14
13	WLM Tirupati	Sri Vinayaka Wood Works	1.96
14	Eluru	M/s Sri Satyanarayana Saw Mill, Bhuvanapalli	15.42
15	Eluru	M/s Sri Krishna Saw Mill, Narasapuram	53.25
16	Eluru	M/s.Venkata Sai Saw Mill, Prakkilanka	13.5
17	Eluru	M/s Sri Satyanarayana Saw Mill,	4.65
18	Eluru	M/s Kanaka Durga Saw Mill, T.P.Gudem	11.40

b. Transfer of ownership by Sale

The list of (14) sawmill cases of Transfer of ownership by sale, placed before SLC, were examined by the members of the Committee and agreed to transfer the ownership under Rule 11 in (12) cases from S. no. 1 to 12, wherein both the Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for the transfer of ownership.

For (2) cases at S.no. 13 and 14, as the Circle Head, Visakhapatnam has not furnished his recommendations and remarks, the committee authorized the Prl.CCF & HoFF to take appropriate decision to accord permission for transfer of ownership after receipt of reports from the Circle Head, Visakhapatnam.

Sl. no.	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km.)
1	Srikakulam	Sri Vinayaka Sawmill	20.4
2	Srikakulam	M/s Umeya Timber Depot	6.25
3	Srikakulam	Sri VenkataVijayaDurga Timber Depot	14.3
4	Srikakulam	Sri BaladurgaBhvani Sawmill	14.5
5	Srikakulam	M/s SwamyAyyappa Sawmill	26.5
6	Srikakulam	Sri Voona Sawmill & Depot	11.13
7	Srikakulam	M/s Patel & Company	7.5
8	Srikakulam	Sri Venkateswara Sawmill	18.56
9	Srikakulam	Sri Seethamahalakshmi sawmill & Depot	9.34
10	Visakhapatnam	M/s Vinayaka Timber Enterprises	6.23
11	Visakhapatnam	M/s Sri SriNookambica Enterprises	7.41
12	Vizianagram	Mahendra Wood Works	7.55
13	Visakhapatnam	M/s Patro Enterprises	8.48
14	Visakhapatnam	M/s Sri Vishnu Sawmill	7.17

c. Transfer of ownership along with relocation of saw mill

The list of (9) sawmill cases of Transfer of ownership along with relocation of sawmills, placed before SLC, were examined by the members of the Committee and agreed to transfer the ownership along with relocation under Rule 11 in (6) cases from S. no. 1 to 6 wherein both the Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for the transfer of ownership.

For (3) cases from S.no. 7 to 9, as the Circle Heads, Guntur, Rajahmundry and Kurnool have not furnished their recommendations and remarks, the committee authorized the PrI.CCF & HoFF to take appropriate decision to accord permission for transfer of ownership and relocation after receipt of reports from the Circle Heads concerned.

Sl. no.	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km.)
1	Giddalur	Sarada Saw Mill	3.15
2	Guntur	Sri Vijaya Lakshmi Saw Mill,	36
3	Guntur	Sri Lakshmi Srinivasa Timbers & Saw Mill	10
4	Krishna	Uma Sankar TD and SM	3.35
5	Krishna	Sri Venkateswara SM and TD	4.9
6	Krishna	Durga Saw Mill	1.77
7	Giddalur	Sri Venkateswara Saw Mill & Timber Depot	11.9
8	Eluru	M/s Kanaka Durga Saw Mill, Bhuvanapalli	15.4
9	Nandyal (WL)	S.R.Saw Mill	7.63

3. Relocation of saw mills

The list of (8) sawmill cases of relocation of saw mills, placed before SLC, were examined by the members of the Committee and agreed to relocation of saw mills under Rule 11 in all the cases except in case of M/s Ashok Kumar Agarwal Saw Mill, Visakhapatnam at S.no. (8), for which the Circle Head, Visakhapatnam has not furnished his recommendations and remarks. The committee authorized the PrI.CCF & HoFF to take appropriate decision to accord permission for relocation of sawmill after receipt of report from the Circle Head, Visakhapatnam.

Sl. no.	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km)
1	Anantapur	Jai Ganesh Sawmill	14.60
2	Srikakulam	Sri Tirumala Sawmill & Timber Depot	6.00
3	Srikakulam	Sri Nagamani Sawmill & Depot	8.49
4	Visakhapatnam	Sri Ganesh Timber Depot	8.70
5	Visakhapatnam	Sri Vijaya Lakshmi Saw Mill	3.12
6	Vizianagram	Sri Venkata Satyanarayana	7.21

		Sawmill	
7	Vizianagram	New Ganesh Sawmill	4.00
8	Visakhapatnam	M/s Ashok Kumar Agarwal Sawmill	3.25

4 Fresh license for lapsed licenses

The lone proposal for issue of fresh license for lapsed license placed before SLC, has been examined by the members of the Committee and agreed to the proposal under Rule 10 (2).

Sl no.	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km)
1	WLM, Rajampet	M/s Sri Vengauru Swamy Saw Mill	5.17

5. OTHER ITEMS:

(1) Amendment proposed to Rule 14 (2) (b) of Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) Rules, 2018, issued in G.O.Ms.No.48, EFS&T Dept., dated 08.05.2018 (Published in Gazette on 11th May, 2018) has been deliberated and finalized as follows:

Existing	Proposed
14 (2) (b) in case of violations, where it is not proposed to either revoke the licence or seize and confiscate the plant, machinery etc., the licensing Authority shall be competent to impose a penalty of a sum up to the limit of available security deposit. If the amount of penalty so levied exceeds Rs.5000/- , an appeal against such imposition shall lie with the Conservator of Forests having territorial jurisdiction over the area, and his decision, thereon shall be final. The appeal should however, be preferred within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the order imposing the penalty.	14 (2) (b) Delete the following: "If the amount of penalty so levied exceeds Rs.5000/-"

(2) Sri Sai Sawmill & Timber Depot, Y. Palem, Prakasam District

The proposal for renewal of the license of the said saw mill, placed before SLC, has been examined by the members of the Committee and agreed to the proposal for renewal as recommended by the CF and DFO.

(3) Authorizing the Divisional Forest Officers (T) for renewal of licences:

The SLC resolved to authorize the Licensing Authorities/DFOs to renew the licenses of the existing Saw Mills, beyond 31st December, 2020, under rule 10 (5).

(4) The SLC resolved to authorize the Divisional Forest Officers (T) to renew the licenses of those eligible sawmills which made late remittance of

enhanced fee as per rule 4 (3), subject to appropriate action by the Licensing Authorities under Rule 14 (2)(b).

(5) The committee resolved to direct the Licensing Authorities henceforth to ensure that the applicants who wish to get fresh/new license, or relocate a saw mill shall invariably obtain the certificate regarding the "Distance from the nearest forest boundary" using the online facility created by the Forest Department as part of Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) initiative of the GoAP.

The meeting concluded with the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force thanking all the members for participating and providing valuable inputs.

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Chairman, State Level Committee
Andhra Pradesh

Signed by N Prateep Kumar

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