

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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Office of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force
Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Guntur.

Sri Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force (FAC)

Sub: APFD - SLC Meeting - Wood Based Industries - 14th S.L.C meeting held on
- 13.10.2022 in the Conference Hall, office of the PCCF & HoFF, Andhra
Pradesh, Guntur - Minutes of the Meeting - Communicated - Regarding.

Ref:- 14th SLC meeting held on 13.10.2022.

Minutes of the 14th S.L.C meeting held on 13.10.2022 in the Conference
Hall, Office of the Prl.CCF & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur are communicated
herewith.

The Circle Heads and the Divisional Forest Officers are requested to take
further action on the items, as resolved in the 14th S.L.C meeting.

Encl:(As above)

Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs
Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests

To
The Circle Heads, Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Guntur, Anantapuram, Kurnool,
WLM Tirupati and FDPT Srisailam,
Copy to all Divisional Forest Officers (T) and (WL) in A.P.
Copy to all members of the SLC.

MINUTES OF THE 14th STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE (SLC) MEETING ON WOOD BASED INDUSTRIES HELD ON 13.10.2022, IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRL. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, A.P., GUNTUR.

The 14th meeting of the SLC was convened on 13.10.2022 at 11.30 a.m. in the Office of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur to consider various proposals of Wood Based Industries for change of ownership, relocations and other related matters as per Andhra Pradesh Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018.

The following members attended the meeting:

1.	Sri Y Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS, Prl.CCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur	Chairman
2.	Sri A.K. Naik, IFS, Prl.CCF (IT & Research), O/o Prl.CCF & HoFF., A.P., Guntur	Member
3.	Sri B.K.Singh, IFS, Prl.CCF, I/c (Working Plan), O/o Prl.CCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur	Member
4.	Dr. R.P.Khajuria, IFS, PCCF (Production), O/o Prl.CCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur	Member Secretary
5.	Sri N.S.Murali, IFS, IRO, Vijayawada	Member
6.	Sri Y. Srinivasa Reddy, IFS., CCF, Guntur	Member
7.	Sri G. Krishna Rao, Dy. Director Industries Department	Member
8.	Smt. D. Prameela, Director, ATMA, Dept. of Agricultural	Member
9.	Sri G. Maheswararao, Asst. Secretary, O/o the C.C.L.A	Member
10.	Sri M.S. Jayananda Kumar, APFDC Ltd.	Member
11.	Sri Dwara Ramakrishna, General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Federation of Timber Merchant's, Sawmillers & Allied Industries.	Member
12.	Sri P. Kondala Rao, President, Andhra Pradesh Federation of Timber Merchants, Sawmillers & Allied Industries	Member

At the outset, Sri R.P.Khajuria IFS, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Production) and Member Secretary, SLC welcomed the Chairman and all the members present in the meeting.

Sri Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF and Chairman of the SLC made his opening remarks at the beginning of 14th SLC meeting.

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Production) and Member Secretary, SLC briefed the members about the Agenda for the 14th SLC meeting as follows:

S.no	Agenda
1	ATR on the MoM of 13 th SLC held on 19.01.2022.
2	Proposals for Transfer of ownership
	a. by Succession (9)
	b. by Sale (9)
	c. along with relocation of Sawmill (14)

3	Relocation of Sawmills (11)
4	Fresh license for lapsed licenses (2)
5	Update on (56) Sawmills established post 30.10.2002
6	Update on Wood balance Study
7	Ratification of Approvals granted for the months of March, April, and May 2022 under Rule 5(5) of WBI(Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018.
8	Any other items with the permission of the Chair:

With the permission of the Chair, agenda was taken up, for discussion and decisions.

1. **Action Taken Report on the decisions in the 13th SLC meeting.**

ATR on the decisions of the 13th SLC meeting was placed before the SLC and the same was approved by the SLC.

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

The SLC examined the proposals under different categories and decided on each category as detailed below:

a. **Transfer of ownership by Succession**

Proposals in respect of the following (9) Sawmills were approved, under Rule 11, as the Circle Heads and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for transfer of ownership.

Sl. no	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km)
1	Narsipatnam/ Anakapally	Sri Durga Sawmill	3.63
2	Srikakulam	Sri Om Sai Sawmill & Timber Depot	1.45
3	Nandyal	M/s Rasoolulla Sawmill	11.18
4	Krishna	Sri Rahamath Sawmill	45.00
5	Ananthapur	M/s Sri New Ganesh Sawmill & Timber Depot	8.36
6	Chittoor	Andhra Timber Depot and Sawmill	1.48
7	Nellore	Sri Venkataramana Sawmill	3.16
8	Guntur	Mahalakshmi Sawmill	22.00
9	Project Tiger Markapur	M/s Mother India Sawmill & Wood Industries	7.62

b. **Transfer of ownership by Sale**

Proposals in respect of the following (9) Sawmills were approved, under Rule 11, as the Circle Heads and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for transfer of ownership.

Sl.	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from
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no			Forest (km)
1	Visakhapatnam	M/s Varaha Narasimha Sawmill	8.19
2	Srikakulam	Sri Nagamani Sawmill& Depot	10.03
3	Krishna	Vijaya Kanaka Durga Timber Depot and Sawmill	7.58
4	Nellore	Prabath Sawmill & Timber Depot	3.11
5	Nellore	Vinod Enterprises & Sawmill	3.60
6	Nellore	Sri Vinayaka Sawmill	3.06
7	Guntur	Sri Venkateswara Sawmill	22.00
8	Chittoor	Sri Venkateswara Sawmill, Oddupalli, SR Puram (M)	5.00
9	Project Tiger Markapur	Sri Venkateswara Sawmill, Kambalapadu, Podili (M)	2.72

c. Transfer of ownership along with relocation of Sawmill

Proposals in respect of the following (14) Sawmills were approved, under Rule 11, as the Circle Heads and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for transfer of ownership with relocation.

Sl. no	Division	Check List Type	Sawmill Name	Relocation Distance (km)
1	Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam to Vizianagaram	M/s Gita Timber Mart	5.20
2	Anantapur	Within the Division	M/s Geetha Sawmill	2.75 (within Municipal limits)
3	Anantapur	Within the Division	M/s Rahamaniya Sawmill	11.27
4	Anantapur	Within the Division	M/s. SSV Sawmill	15.23
5	Nellore	Within the Division	Bharath Sawmill	4.00 (within Municipal limits)
6	Nellore	Within the Division	Sri Venkataramana Sawmill	5.70
7	Guntur	Within the Division	SK Sawmill	29.00
8	Guntur	Within the Division	Seetaramanjaneya Sawmill	12.00
9	Krishna	Within the Division	Sri Durga Bhavani Sawmill	3.51 (within Municipal limits)
10	Krishna	Within the Division	Uma Maheswara Sawmill	9.36
11	Krishna	Within the Division	M/s. Dhana Lakshmi Sawmill	27.11
12	Kakinada	Within the Division	M/s. Rama Sawmill cum Timber Depot	8.069
13	Kakinada	Within the Division	M/s. Sri Narayana Rice Mill and Sawmill	7.44
14	Kakinada	Kakinada to	M/s Sramajeevula Sawmill	6.50

	Srikakulam	& Tammudu Satyam Wooden Works	
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In respect of sawmills, where the relocation distance is marginally higher than 5 kilometres i.e., sl.no. 1 and 6, the DFO shall satisfy himself regarding correctness of the measurements and take further action accordingly.

3. Relocation of Sawmills

Proposals in respect of the following (12) Sawmills were approved, under Rule 11, as the Circle Heads and Divisional Forest Officers have recommended for relocation of Sawmills.

Sl. no.	Division	Sawmill Name	Relocation Distance (km.)
1	Anantapur (within the Division)	M/s. Sri Subramanyeswara Sawmill, Bukkarayasamudram	12.47
2	Guntur (within the Division)	Sri Krishna Sawmill	6.61
3	Guntur (within the Division)	Sri Jaya Ganesh Sawmill	13.90
4	Kurnool to Nellore	M/s. Om Sri Satya Deva Sawmill	4.00 (within Municipal limits)
5	Guntur (within the Division)	Sri Lakshmi Sawmill	5.11
6	Krishna (within the Division)	Vijaya Durga Sawmill	10.19
7	Krishna (within the Division)	Makka Madina Timber Depot & Sawmill	4.00 (within Municipal limits)
8	Kakinada (within the Division)	Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Sawmill	5.442
9	Chittoor (within the Division)	Sri Balaji Sawmill	8.75
10	Chittoor (within the Division)	Sri Lakshmi Sawmill	4.46 (within Municipal limits)
11	Project Tiger Markapur (within the Division)	Sri Venkateswara Sawmill	5.54
12	Guntur (within the Division)	M/s Swamy Timber Traders & Sawmill	9.81

In respect of sawmills, where the relocation distance is marginally higher than 5 kilometres i.e., sl.no. 5, 8 and 11, the DFO shall satisfy himself regarding correctness of the measurements and take further action accordingly.

4. Fresh license for lapsed licenses

The Proposals in respect of the following (2) Sawmills placed before the SLC have been examined by members.

Sl.no	Division	Sawmill Name	Distance from Forest (km)
1	Visakhapatnam	M/s Trinity Boards	2.25
2	Gunutr	Nageswara Rao Sawmill, Venkatagiri	1.65

For Sl. no.1, M/s Trinity Boards, Visakhapatnam, it was agreed to issue fresh license, provided the sawmill is relocated from its present place of establishment to another place, beyond 5 km. distance from the nearest forest boundary.

For Sl. no.2, Nageswara Rao Saw Mill, Guntur, as per the information provided by the CCF, Guntur and DFO, Guntur it is not a case of lapsed sawmill license. The Sawmill owner had paid the required fee in time. The license has neither lapsed nor cancelled. The Sawmill license has not been renewed since 2018 with a reason that there is discrepancy in the location of the Sawmill shown in the licenses renewed from time to time. Therefore, the DFO, Nellore may cause inquiry and take action to renew the license when it is found that everything is in order as he was already authorized renew the licenses of the Wood Based Industries. In case of violation to the provisions of Act and Rules, he may take action as per Rule 14 of A.P. Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018.

5. Update on (56) Sawmills established post 30.10.2002

As per the update placed before the SLC on these (56) Saw Mills established post 30.10.2002, only 13 applications have been received from the Sawmill owners seeking permission for renewal of their sawmills. For the balance 43 Sawmills no application has been received for more than 2 years. The members of the committee decided to wait for the next SLC to take a call whether to close this issue once for all, without entertaining any further proposals.

6. Update on Wood Balance Study.

- i. The Trees Outside Forests (TOF) assessment conducted by the IT wing was presented to the SLC. The study was carried out by updating the 25% inventory points for the previous TOF., to arrive at total growing stock and number of trees outside Forest areas.
- ii. The total growing stock of the state is estimated to be at 79.83 million cubic meters and the total number of stems is estimated to be at 183.64 million
- iii. Species like Mango, Vepa, Asian Palm and coconut were the major contributors to Trees outside Forests.
- iv. The SLC agreed to constitute a sub-committee comprising of PCCF (IT & Res), PCCF (Production), CCF Rajahmundry, CCF Guntur and a Representative from the wood based industries to analyse the data of the

TOF and assess the wood demand of existing saw mills in the state. The sub- committee shall come out with a clear picture regarding the annual availability of the wood in the state and with recommendations regarding permitting the additional machinery for existing saw mills/permitting new saw mills in the state, within a period of three months.

7. The permissions granted by the PCCF & HoFF and Chairman of the SLC in the months of March, April, and May 2022 under Rule 5(5) of WBI(Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2018, as per the decision taken in the 13th SLC, have been ratified.

8. Other items:

1. M/s Kanakadurga Saw-mill, Busarajupalle, Buttayagudem (M), Eluru.

The SLC opined that a factual report may be called from the Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru and Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry on this lapsed sawmill for further action.

2. Authorizing the Divisional Forest Officers (T) for renewal of licenses:

The SLC resolved to authorize the Licensing Authorities/ DFOs to renew the Licenses of the existing Sawmills, beyond 31st December, 2022, under rule 10 (5).

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