PART-V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:-

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

(Letter No.1146/Section.II/2021, Dated.25.08.2021 for diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km.169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways."

Signature

Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

(Official Seal)

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S., Special Secretary to Government Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 25-08-2021

Place: AMARAVATI

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Govt.Letter No.1146/Section. II/2021

Dated:25.08.2021

From
The Secretary to Government
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways - Proposal submitted under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for approval - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15034/9/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:29.04.2021.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh for diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for upgradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. the Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH 2. Division. Kakinada, has furnished justification stating that the existing road between Vijayawada to Jagadalpur is a narrow BT road and has been declared as National Highway -30 and the road is not upto the National Highway standards and cannot handle the increased highway traffic. The existing road from Km. 192/827 to 196/865 is passing through Madhavarao Peta RF, from Km. 198/148 to 202/982 is passing through Bandirevu RF and from Km. 207/240 to 211/824 is passing through Pegha RF of Chintur Forest Division and the width of existing road is only 10.0m. In order to make the existing road to handle the increase in traffic, except widening of existing road, there is no other alternative. Hence, diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land is proposed. This road after completion would further improve connectivity in terms of achieving smooth and safe traffic flow and improve level of service. In addition to above, substantial economic gain in terms of reduced Vehicle Operation Cost (VoC) and reduced travel time will be achieved. The User Agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, tree extraction charges and also for avenue plantations etc. The District Collector, East Godavari District has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique file No.FP/AP/ROAD/28853/2017 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, the Conservator of Forests and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The recommendation of the State Government in proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

of Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Kakinada.

