GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.281/Section-II/2023/1985473

Dated:07.03.2023

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

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

Sir,

Sub: EFS&T Dept., – Diversion of 4.96 ha forest land in Compartment No. 301, 322, 323 & 324 of Pedakonela beat, Mentada Section, Veduruwada-I RF, Vizianagaram Division for formation for road from N.R. Puram (from Diguva-Kotaparthi point) to Gadilalova in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU), Paderu - Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/55/2020-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:.26.01.2023.

I submit that in the reference cited (copy enclosed) the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.96 ha forest land in compartment no.301, 322, 323 & 324 of Pedakonela beat, Mentada Section, Veduruwada-I RF, Vizianagaram Division for formation for road from N.R. Puram (from Diguva-Kotaparthi point) to Gadilalova in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU), Paderu.

- In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has informed that the User Agency i.e., Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, uploaded the subject proposal in PARIVESH portal (Proposal No.FP/AP/ROAD/142780/2021) for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The User Agency has justified that the villagers of Diguvakotaparthi, Pedakonela, Naiduvalasa, Gadilalova to reach the mandal head quarters Ananhatgiri with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through Reserve Forest in various reaches in the road from 5/112 to 12/00 km. This is the only the shortest route for the people of above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying in this road due to improper geometry and various streams crossing the road. The people are facing lot of problems to meet their needs of Education, Health and Transportation of Agricultural and forest produces etc. The road is proposed to upgrade to BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy. The User Agency has furnished RoFR Certificate in form-I issued by the District Collector, Alluri Sitharamaraju District and also undertakings for payment of NPV, Additional NPV, CA and tree extraction charges etc.
- 3. The District Forest Officer, Vizianagaram has recommended the proposal in Part-II. In Part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, Vizianagaram and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land. In Part -IV, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh has Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

4. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.96 ha forest land in compartment no.301, 322, 323 & 324 of Pedakonela beat, Mentada Section, Veduruwada-I RF, Vizianagaram Division for formation for road from N.R. Puram (from Diguva-Kotaparthi point) to Gadilalova in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU), Paderu, at the earliest. State Government recommends the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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

The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Paderu.

PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 4.96 ha of forest land in compartment No.301, 322, 323 & 324 of Pedakonela beat, Mentada Section, Veduruwada-I RF, Vizianagaram Division for formation of road from N.R. Puram (from Diguva-Kotaparthi point) to Gadilalova in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU), Paderu.

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Name & Designation THI RAO, I.F.S., Special Secretary to Government Environment, Forests, Science Official Seal Anology Department

A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 07-03-2023

Place: AMARAVATI