

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

Letter No.2533/Section.II/2021/(1596914)

Dated:04.02.2022

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 29.26 ha of forest land in Nandyal WL and Giddalur Divisions in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-IV, South Central Railway, Secunderabad for doubling of railway line between Guntur and Guntakal stations - Proposal submitted under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr. Ref. No. EFS02-15022/8/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 13.12.2021.

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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 29.26 ha of forest land in Nandyal WL and Giddalur Divisions in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-IV, South Central Railway, Secunderabad for doubling of railway line between Guntur and Guntakal stations.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-IV, South Central Railway, Secunderabad, has furnished justification stating that the proposed railway doubling line with electrification between Guntur and Guntakal stations is vital rail link to connect the Coastal region with Rayalaseema, Karanataka and Tamilanadu. The Government of India granted this line to provide seamless transportation and ease of congestion on the existing single line section. It caters the traffic potential arose due to new capital city on Vijayawada side to the people of Rayalaseema for passenger and transportation of goods traffic i.e., Cement, Coal & Paddy. In addition, it improves connectivity from the Eastern India to Bangalore, the Silicon valley of India. Further, the user agency has justified that the doubling works between Guntur to Guntakal are in progress except in the forest area between Giddalur and Nandyal which is passing through the Nallamala forest and two tunnels of 1550 m and 320 m (Bogada and Chelama tunnels) which require permission for carrying out construction activities under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Commissioning this doubling line would result in additional traffic with seamless transportation and ease the congestion on singly line section. The proposed doubling line has been aligned along the existing railway track within the available railway land boundaries as far as possible, to minimize the forest land diversion/acquisition. There is no alternate route to this alignment hence the doubling line is proposed parallel to the existing railway track passing through this forest corridor, which is under possession of Railways. The User Agency has furnished undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, payment of NPV and addl.NPV, and cost of tree extraction charges etc. The District Collectors, Kurnool District and Prakasam District have 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/RAIL/147706/2021 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.

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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 29.26 ha of forest land in Nandyal WL and Giddalur Divisions in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-IV, South Central Railway, Secunderabad for doubling of railway line between Guntur and Guntakal stations, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswaru  
for Secretary to Government  
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**Copy to:**

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

The Deputy Chief Engineer,  
Construction-IV, South Central Railway,  
Secunderabad.



## **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)

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### **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)

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**“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 29.26 ha of forest land in Nandyal WL and Giddalur Divisions in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-IV, South Central Railway, Secunderabad for doubling of railway line between Guntur and Guntakal stations.”**

  
Signature

Name & Designation  
(Official Seal)

Date: 04.02.2022

Place: AMARAVATHI

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