

**FIELD INSPECTION NOTE OF THE FOREST DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
ARMOOR ON 14.08.2018 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED
DIVERSION OF 4.9559 Ha. of FOREST LAND IN MANIK BHANDAR AND
MAMIDIPALLY-III RESERVE FOREST OF ARMOOR RANGE AND DIVISION
FOR FORMATION OF FOUR LANNING FROM KM 4/8 TO 24/6 I.e.,
NIZAMABAD TO ARMOOR OF NIZAMABAD TO JAGADALPUR SECTION OF
NH63 (OLD NH 16) IN THE STATE OF TELANGANA.**

As per the request made by Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Perkit, I have inspected the site along with the Forest Range Officer, Armoor and concerned range staff. The Reserve Forest Land proposed to be diverted for the old National Highway 16 for formation of four lanning road from Km 4/8 to 24/6 i.e., Nizamabad to Armoor of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur section of NH63 (Old NH 16) area is falling inside the Reserve Forest Blocks namely Mamidipally-III and Manikbandar falling in Armoor beat of Mamidipally section of Armoor Range of Armoor division of Nizamabad District.

During the site inspection, the concerned Executive Engineer, R&B (NH Division) informed that the NH authorities have Right of Way (RoW) of 30.0 m (i.e., 15m on either side from the center of the road) and to that effect they have furnished an undertaking which is enclosed in the proposals. Further, the Executive Engineer, R&B (NH Division) informed that during 2010-11 similar proposal for the Geometrical improvement of the curves on Nizamabad to Jagadalpur NH 16 passing through Manikbandar RF was submitted and was accorded Stage-I & Stage-II approval from the Government of India vide GOI, MoEF, Bangalore, Lr.No.4-APB713/2010-BAN/7736, Dated:05.08.2010 and Government of India vide GOI, MoEF, Bangalore, Lr.No.4-APB713/2010-BAN/8554, Dated:01.02.2011 respectively. And the present proposal for formation of four lanning road from Km 4/8 to 24/6 i.e., Nizamabad to Armoor of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur section of NH 63 (Old NH 16) is also similar in the Geometrical improvement of curves passing through Manikbandar and Mamidipally-III RFs.

The proposed site is a linear patch passing through the Reserve Forest. The concerned Executive Engineer, Roads and Buildings Armoor Division have demarcated the proposed area on the ground. The Forest Range Officer, Armoor got enumerated the standing growth. In the proposed site, the total standing growth is 774 Nos. comprising of 91 Trees and 683 Poles of miscellaneous species with an estimated timber volume of 12.995 cum which is to be extracted as per DET manual. There are certain species which are not fit for timber and hence will be sold as fuel wood after extraction. The main species existing in the proposed site are Teak, Chenangi, Marri, Rela, Thirman, Tuniki, Neem, Ippa, Tellamaddi, Ullantha, etc., The part of the proposed area is gently undulating and having miscellaneous growth with red soil and in some areas sandy loam soil. The area proposed to be diverted and its surroundings are of Open Degraded dry deciduous forest type.

The entire length and the width of the proposed land for diversion which is proposed to be included in the Easing of the Curve on the National Highway No.63 is passing through Mamidipally-III and Manikbandar Forest blocks. The area proposed to be diverted is 4.9559 Ha. as per the survey carried out.

The wildlife present in the surrounding forest areas as informed by the local staff are Bear, Neelgai, Pea fowl, Wild pig etc. However no wild life was spotted at the time of field inspection.

I have searched for alternatives, but there is no other alternative alignment available except the present proposal. This is the barest minimum area that is required for widening of existing road for Four laning from Km 4/8 to Km 24/6 of Nizamabad to Jagadapur Section of NH-63 (Old NH-16).

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**Photographs of the proposed site for widening of existing road
Four laning from Km 4/8 to Km 24/6 of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur
Section of NH-63 (Old NH-16). during inspection by the Forest
Officials.**



The User Agency has submitted undertakings to implement the following conditions:

1. The Net Present Value (NPV) of **Rs. 31.024** lakhs shall be paid by the User Agency.
2. The extraction charges of the timber / fuel as estimated in these areas shall be borne by the User Agency.
3. To bear the cost towards compensatory Afforestation - **Rs.63.225** lakhs.

The area does not fall in wildlife protected areas and there are no archaeological heritage sites, important monuments in the proposed alignment.

The District Collector, Nizamabad has given the certificate in Form-I as per instructions vide GOI, MoEF Ref.11-9/98-Fc (PT) dt:05.07.2013 for linear projects, duly certifying that the process of identification of Rights under Forest Rights Act has been completed in the District and there are no claims pending in the above said Reserve Forest areas.

Further, The Compensatory afforestation in 10.00 Ha. degraded Reserve Forest area is proposed to be taken up in Compt. No.128 of Mamidipally-III RF of Armoor Range. The proposed Road Curve is in no way causing damage to either flora or fauna of the areas nearby as it is proposed to be passing through open areas on the boundary of the Reserve Forest and abutting the existing road of National Highway No.63. Hence the permission for the Easing of the Curve on the National Highway No.63 between Km. 4/8 to 24/6 in Amrad beat, Mamidipally section, Armoor Range of Armoor division of Nizamabad District is **recommended with the following conditions.**

1. The Legal status of the Reserve Forest land proposed to be diverted does not change.
2. No felling of trees and no cutting of branches is allowed, other than proposed list of felling trees.
3. User Agency has to put two permanent boards at the entrance and exit points of the RF in the above locations about the status of the land.
4. Any other conditions imposed by Forest Divisional Officer, Armoor from time to time shall be followed by the User Agency.


**Forest Divisional Officer,
Armoor.**