

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To  
The Prl. Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Forest, Science  
and Technology Department,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat  
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc. No. EFS02-15034/13/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 27-09-2018

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 -- Proposal for diversion of 0.83 Ha of forest land in Guntur Division for formation of Ghat Road to Kondaveedu Fort Hill to reach the Guest house and temples etc., - Submission of processed proposal U/s-2 of F(C) Act, 1980- Reg.,

- Ref:-
1. Proposals uploaded in the Ministry's website No. FP/AP/ROAD/33058/2018.
  2. PCCF's Rc. No. EFS02-15034/13/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 23-04-2018.
  3. CCF, Guntur Rc. No. 1590/2018-TO, dated : 21-05-2018

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It is informed that, the Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 0.83 Ha of forest land in Guntur Division for formation of Ghat Road to Kondaveedu Fort Hill to reach the Guest house and temples etc.,.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur division vide ref. 2<sup>nd</sup> cited for processing under F(C) Act, 1980 and amendments therein and submit the proposals through the concerned Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide ref. 3<sup>rd</sup> cited has submitted the proposals for diversion of 0.83 Ha of forest land in Guntur Division for formation of Ghat Road to Kondaveedu Fort Hill to reach the Guest house and temples etc.,.

The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-I.

- An area of 0.83 Ha of forest land in Guntur Division is required for formation of Ghat Road to Kondaveedu Fort Hill to reach the Guest house and temples etc.,.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 1180.70 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, there is no alternate connecting route to reach Guest house and Temples. This road will be an important Ghat road to Guest house and Temples which is a prestigious project of State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, Trees extraction charges etc.,.
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.83 Ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement involve due to construction of this project.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- The user agency has stated that, no Environment (Projection) Act, 1986 is required
- Employment likely to be generated is Nil.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- An area of 0.83 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos 129 & 130 of Kondaveedu RF of Guntur Division for formation of Ghat Road on Kondaveedu fort hill top to reach the Guest house and temples.

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- Legal Status of the Forest is Kondaveedu RF is notified as Reserve Forest under section 16 of Madras Forest Act [Act-V of 1882] vide G.O. No. 1349-J, dated : 04-04-1950.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0.2 to 0.3
- Regarding brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it has been stated that the alignment is gentle gradient and hence the erosion is very minimum.
- Information regarding Species - wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees (statement enclosed). There are 230 Nos of trees is there and the value of the trees is Rs. 1,49,324/-
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is 1 Km.
- The details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion is Wildboar.
- Regarding rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area it is stated that, there are no rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- There are no protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land is proposed by the user agency is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- Regarding any work in violation of the Act has been carried out, it has been stated that, the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 11-05-2018 and stated that the land required by the user agency is a forest area measuring 0.83 Ha. The total IRF area consists of Southern Tropical Dry Scrub forests (6A/C2) as per the Champion and Seth) of eco class No.IV occurs in sloppy hills with boulders and continuous sheet of rock as some locations. The existing flora in the RF is *Tarennaasiatica*, *Euphorbia antiquorum*, *Acacia Suma*, *Phullanthus charizandra*, *Manilkaraheezandra* etc., and Wildboar and hare are found in Kondaveedu RF.

- The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

In column No. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer has "Recommended" the proposal.

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

In this regard it is to submit that the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.13.05.2011, 10.12.2012, 01.02.2013, 17.05.2013 & 15-02-2018 has accorded general approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure works to be carried out by Government Department in 117 LWE affected districts for diversion of forest land not more than 40.00 Ha in each case/activities as mentioned therein. In such cases, the State Government is empowered to accord permission, subject to the condition that the forest area is falling outside Protected Areas.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF Gol New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.16.06.2011, no compensatory Afforestation is to be insisted on diversion of forest land upto 5.00 Ha, to be carried out by Govt. Dept. in the notified LWE Affected District. Guntur District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in Guntur District and the area proposed for diversion is 0.83 Ha, which is less than 5.00 Ha, as such equivalent non-forest land for CA is not required for this project.

The District Collector, Guntur District vide Lr. No. 2376/2017-E4, dated : 21-09-2018 has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format Annexure-I (Form-I) for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR) Act, 2006 is enclosed with the proposal.

Further, it is informed that as per the guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website ([www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in)) & a unique file number FP/AP/ ROAD/33058/2018 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Guntur & Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 0.83 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos 129 & 130 of Kondaveedu RF of Guntur Division for formation of Ghat Road on Kondaveedu fort hill top to reach the Guest house and temples in f/o EE (R&B) Division, Guntur

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 0.83 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos 129 & 130 of Kondaveedu RF of Guntur Division for formation of Ghat Road on Kondaveedu fort hill top to reach the Guest house and temples in f/o EE (R&B) Division, Guntur duly recommended in Part-IV is furnished herewith in triplicate for taking further action in the matter.

Encl - (3 ) sets of proposals

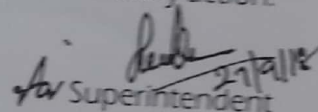
Yours faithfully  
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi,  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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Superintendent



PART - IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or

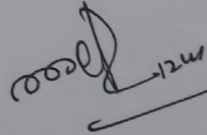
Head of the Forest Department)

Diversion of 0.83 Ha of FC in Guntur Division for formation of Ghat road  
to Kondaveedu Fort hill to reach Guntur houses and Temples

1	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of other wise of the proposal with remarks.	
2	(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).	Recommended

Date: 27.09.2018

Place: Guntur

Signature   
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Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests  
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