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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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&
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology
Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,

Ref.no.EFS02-15034/67/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
Dated:22/01/2022.

Sir,

Sub APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 9.60 ha of forest land in Compartment no.154,155 of E.D. Pally and Compartment no. 110, 111 of Pegha RF in Chintur Division for formation of road from Yedugurralapalli to Mallampeta in favour of EE PR (PIU), Kakinada - Submission of proposal under F(C) Act, 1980 - Clearance under Section-2 of F(C)Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.

Ref: 1. Online proposal no.FP/AP/ROAD/83794/2020, dated: 11.12.2020.
2. PCCF & HoFF , A.P, Guntur Rc. no EFS02-15034/67/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:02.01.2021.
3. CCF, Rajahmundry Rc. no.41/2021-D1, dated: 27.12.2021.

It is to inform that, in the reference 1st cited, the Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada Division has uploaded the proposal in parivesh portal for diversion of 9.60 ha of forest land in Compartment no.154,155 of E.D. Pally and Compartment no. 110, 111 of Pegha RF in Chintur Division for formation of road from Yedugurralapalli to Mallampeta in favour of EE PR (PIU), Kakinada.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram in the references 3rd cited has processed the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and submitted the proposal for diversion of 9.60 ha of forest land in Compartment no.154,155 of E.D. Pally RF and Compartment no. 110, 111 of Pegha RF in Chintur Division for formation of road from Yedugurralapalli to Mallampeta in favour of EE PR (PIU), Kakinada.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 9.60 ha is required for up-gradation of existing road to BT standard including construction of culverts from Yedugurralapalli to Mallampeta in favour of EE PR (PIU), Kakinada.
- The road work sanctioned / approved by Ministry of Rural development in PMGSY (RCPLWE) grant under ₹405.95 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the villagers of yedugurallapally (790), Pega (434), Alligudem (823), Narasingapeta (435), Mallampeta (161) reach the mandal head quarters Chinturu with shortest path by providing this

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road, the existing road passes through RF area for a length of 12800 m . This is the only the shortest route for the people of five habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying on this road due to improper geometry and various problems. The villagers are facing many difficulties to meet their needs of Education, health and Transportation of Agriculture and forest produces etc. Hence the road is proposed to upgrade the existing BT surface, so as to make the road traffic worthy.

- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of CA, NPV, Addl. NPV, tree extraction charges and also for avenue plantations etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 9.60 ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- Employment likely to be generated is due to this road project, they will get employment directly by creating 1000 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

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

- An area of 9.60 ha is required in compartment no.154, 155 of E.D. Pally RF and compartment no.110 and 111 of Pega RF Chintur Division for upgradation / formation of BT road including construction of culverts from Edugurallapalli to mallampeta of Chintur.
- Legal Status of the forest is Edugurallapalli RF notified U/s 4 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967 vide G.O. Ms. no. 759, F & A (For-III), dated: 18.04.1968 and Pega RF notified U/s 16 of Madras Forest Act, 1980 vide G.O. Ms. no. 8075 (Land Revenue), dated: 13.12.1889.
- The density of the forest is 0.10.
- There are no trees to be felled in the proposed forest land to be diverted.
- No forest area will be effected to erosion.
- The proposed road is passing through Reserve Forest areas of Kunavaram Range.
- No Wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
- No rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area during inspection.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- No violation has been carried out by the User Agency .

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

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 30.11.2021 and stated that, the existing road was old cart track and old bituminous road with a width of 7.50 m and length of 12800 m . Right of way is allowed from Pusigudem (Bastar) Chattisgarh State border to Edugurallapalli via Mallampet. The details of existing flora in the forest block are *Choloroxylon swietinia*, *Terminalia tomentosa*, *Anogeissus latifolia*, *Diaspyros melanoxylon*, *Pterocarpus marsupium* etc. The forest type is Tropical dry deciduous forest. This

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project is very useful for many remote villages. This project is very essential for all departments to extend the Government activities to all the tribal people to bring them in the main stream.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur has **"Recommended"** the proposal.

Further as per para 2.3 of Chapter-2 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F. No. 5-2/2017, FC, dated: 28.03.2019 non-forest land over an extent of 9.77 ha has identified in Turangi Village of Kakinada Rural mandal of Kakinada Section, East Godavari District for CA purpose.

As per para 2.8 of Chapter -2 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F.No. 5-2/2017, FC, dated: 28.03.2019, the District Forest Officer, Kakinada has prepared CA scheme to an extent of 9.77 ha for raising Compensatory Afforestation with a financial outlay of ₹67.078 lakh for a period of 12 years including Advance operations, Maintenance of Nurseries and Raising of Plantations commencement from 2022-23 to 2033-34

The District Forest Officer, Kakinada has inspected the area proposed for CA on 28.11.2021. Site inspection report of the District Forest Officer, Kakinada is enclosed herewith.

The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps of non-forest land identified for CA are furnished with the proposal.

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

As per Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi F.no.5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019, under RoFR Act, 2006, the user agency has uploaded the RoFR Certificates issued by the District Collector, East Godavari District in the prescribed format 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.

Further, it is to submit that as per the guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) & a unique proposal number no. **FP/AP/ROAD/83794/2020** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur Division have recommended the proposal for diversion of 9.60 ha of forest land in Compartment no.154,155 of E.D. Pally and Compartment no. 110, 111 of Pegha RF in Chintur Division for formation of road from Yedugurralapalli to Mallampeta in favour of EE PR (PIU), Kakinada.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 9.60 ha of forest land in Compartment no.154,155 of E.D. Pally and Compartment no. 110, 111 of Pegha RF in Chintur Division for formation of road from Yedugurralapalli to Mallampeta in favour of EE PR (PIU), Kakinada duly recommended in Part-IV, subject to the conditions

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stipulated in GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in F. no.5-2/2017 (FC Division) Dt. 28.03.2019 is submitted herewith.

Government are requested to take necessary action for onward submission of the proposal to Government of India, MoEF &CC, IRO, Vijayawada to accord forest clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments therein.

Encl:- (2) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
N Prateep Kumar Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Chintur and Kakinada for information and necessary action

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Kakinada for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada for information.

PART-IV

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendations of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks (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.
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Date:22/01/2022

Signature:

Place:

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