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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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Prl. Chief Conservator of
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology
Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,

Ref.no.EFS02-15034/18/2021-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
Dated:03/01/2022.

Sir,

Sub APFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mount) in compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of EE (R&B) Division, Guntur- 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/145376/2021, dated: 28.07.2021.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no.EFS02/15034/18/2021- FCA SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 09.08.2021.
3. Conservator of Forests, Guntur Rc. no. 1589/2021-TO, dated: 28.12.2021.

It is to inform that, in the reference 1st cited, the Executive Engineer, (R&B) Guntur Division has uploaded proposal in the ministry's web portal for diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mount) in compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of EE (R&B) Division, Guntur.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur Circle, Guntur in the reference 3rd has processed the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mount) in compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of EE (R&B) Division, Guntur.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 0.46 ha is required for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mouth) in compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block of Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division, Guntur.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as 500 lakh
- The user agency has justified that, the proposed road (Bell mouth as per

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the plans of AIIMS at main Entry gate near OPD Block) is an important road connecting the access road from National Highway – 16 to AIIMS Campus. There is no alternate short route.

- This road is an important approach road to AIIMS campus which is a prestigious Project of Government of India. Part of this road passes through the Reserved Forest area abutting APSP 6th Battalion campus & AIIMS Compound wall and there is no alternative path for the same.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of CA, NPV, Addl. NPV, tree extraction charges etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.46 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 for 100 families.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

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

- An area of 0.46 ha is required for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road – Bell mount) in compartment no.132, Mangalagiri Block of Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division, Guntur.
- Legal Status of the forest is Tadepalli RF is notified as Reserve Forest under Section-16 of Madras Forest Act, (Act-V of 1882) vide notification No.384, dated: 09.08.1890.
- The density of vegetation is 0.2.
- There is 128 trees are enumerated in the area proposed for diversion and the value of the trees is ₹72492/-.
- The proposed Reserve forest is not vulnerable and with gentle slope. Hence, there is no erosion.
- Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is 0.0 km.
- Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion is Hare, Python.
- The area proposed for diversion does not form a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor etc.
- No Rare / endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area proposed for diversion.
- 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 District Forest Officer, Guntur has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 21.12.2021 and stated that, the proposed area falls in Tropical Dry Deciduous forests classified under Eco-Class -III, open / scrub forest as per ecological classes. The density of vegetation is 0.2 having species like Jaana(*Grewia tllifolia*), Juliflora (*Prosopis -juliflora*), Kanuga(*Pongamia-pinnata*), Narlengi(*Albizzia-amara*), Sandra(*Accacia-sandra*), Sissoo(*Dalbergia-sisso*), Tella

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Thumma((Accacia-lencopholea) and Neem(Azadiracta-indica) etc. and the fauna like Hare (Lepus-nigricollis)and Python(Phthon-molurus).

Further, the District Forest Officer, Guntur has opined that a condition may be imposed to take up Avenue Plantation and erection of signage / display boards on conservation of Wildlife and forest protection by the User Agency at the project cost.

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

Further as per para 2.6 (i) (b) 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 in case of diversion of forest land up to one hectare, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants) shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.

In Part -III, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur Circle, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, Guntur 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 Certificate issued by the District Collector, Guntur 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 Gol, 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/145376/2021** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur Circle, Guntur and the District Forest Officer, Guntur have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mount) in compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of EE (R&B) Division, Guntur.

Further, it is submitted that, the user agency has not submitted compliance on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-1 approval accorded by the Government in Gol,MoEF&CC ,RO Chennai in F.no.4-APB038/2017-CHN/0951, dt.20.06.2017 for the following road proposal.

- Diversion of 0.941 ha of forest land in Compartmentno.132 of Mangalagiri Block in Tadepalli RF for formation of new road from NH-16 to AIIMS site in favour of EE, (R&B) Division, Guntur.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road - Bell mount) in

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compartment no. 132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of EE (R&B) Division, Guntur duly recommended in Part-IV, subject to the conditions 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 Conservator of Forests, Guntur Circle, Guntur for information

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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:03/01/2022

Signature:

Place: Guntur

Name:N Prateep Kumar Ifs

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Signed by N Prateep Kumar
Ifs
Date: 03-01-2022 14:01:12
Reason: Approved

PART-IV

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