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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

<p>From Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur - 522 004.</p>	<p>To The Secretary to the Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522 503.</p>
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Ref.no.EFS02-15034/15/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
Dated:03/01/2022.

Sir,

Sub APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.95 ha of forest land in compartment no.71 of Dontali RF and Compartment no.73 of Kakaturu RF, Nellore Division for up-gradation of existing Inspection path on Tikkavarapadu Branch Canal Bank in favour of EE, PR(PIU) Division, Nellore- 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/45020/2020, dated: 11.03.2020.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no. EFS02-15034/15/2020- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated:25.06.2021.
3. Conservator of Forests, Guntur Rc. no. 563/2020-TO, dated: 19.08.2021.

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It is to inform that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Nellore in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 0.95 ha of forest land in compartment no.71 of Dontali RF and Compartment no.73 of Kakaturu RF, Nellore Division for up-gradation of existing Inspection path on Tikkavarapadu Branch Canal Bank in favour of EE, PR(PIU) Division, Nellore.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur in the reference 3rd cited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.95 ha of forest land in compartment no.71 of Dontali RF and Compartment no.73 of Kakaturu RF, Nellore Division for up-gradation of existing Inspection path on Tikkavarapadu Branch Canal Bank in favour of EE, PR(PIU) Division, Nellore and processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 0.95 ha is required for up-gradation of existing Inspection path on Tikkavarapadu Branch Canal Bank in favour of EE, PR(PIU) Division, Nellore
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹430.00 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, formation of inspection road (path) along Thikkavarapadu branch canal in Nellore Rural (M), SPSR Nellore is Panchayat Raj road and connecting Nancharamma girijana colony to NH-5. The total length of the road is 7.60 km. and the road is existing before 1980. The road passes through reserved forest area to a length of 3.058 km. No non-forest area is available for formation of the road hence the nearest minimum forest area proposed for road.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, tree extraction charges etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.95 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 900 to 1000 man days will be generated.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

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

- Forest land to an extent of 0.95 ha is required in compartment no. 71 of Donthali RF and compartment no.73 of Kakuturu RF for up-gradation of existing inspection path along Tikkavarappadu Branch canal in favour of EEPR(PIU), Nellore.
- Legal Status of the forest is RF.
- The density of vegetation is 0.3 to 0.4.
- No tree felling is required for the subject proposal.
- The proposed Reserve forest is not vulnerable to erosion.
- Approximate distance from proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is the proposed improvement of inspection path is linear in nature and falls in Donthali and Kakuturu RFs.
- The area proposed for diversion is not a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor etc.
- No rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- 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, SPSR Nellore has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 03.07.2021 and stated that the above inspection path along

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Tikkavarapadu canal is existing prior to 1980. The inspection path was formed as a part of Tikkavarappadu canal during the year 1979 as per the cross section of the canal furnished by the user agency. Now, the Panchayat Raj Department has proposed to upgrade the inspection path to BT standards which passes through Kakuturu and Donthali RFs of Nellore Range. The density of the adjacent RF is 0.4. This area falls in Eco-Class-IV (Tropical thorn forest and tropical dry ever green forests) open scrub forest. No valuable tree species are existing along with alignment of the path

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

In part -III, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

The District Collector, SPSR Nellore District vide Rc. no. E7/654/2020, dated: 26.06.2020 has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi in the 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. The certificate is enclosed with the proposal.

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/45020/2020** 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 and the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.95 ha in compartment no. 71 of Donthali RF and compartment no.73 of Kakuturu RF for up-gradation of existing inspection path along Tikkavarappadu Branch canal in favour of EE PR(PIU), Nellore.

In this regard it is to submit that, as per para 4.3 of Chapter-4 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, the subject project falls under general approval category.

Further, as per Chapter 2.6 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, Compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 1.00 ha. However, 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 land (subject to a minimum number of 100 plants) shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.

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In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 0.95 ha in compartment no. 71 of Donthali RF and compartment no.73 of Kakuturu RF for up-gradation of existing inspection path along Tikkavarappadu Branch canal in favour of EE PR(PIU), Nellore 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 for taking further action as deemed fit in the matter

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 and District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore for information.

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

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

Office Seal:

Signed by N Prateep Kumar

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Date: 03-01-2022 13:39:52

Reason: Approved

PART-IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

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Place: Guntur

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