

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc.No.5021/2018-D1,
Dated.19.01.2019.

Office of the District Forest Officer,
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

From
Dr.Nandani Salaria, I.F.S.,
District Forest Officer
Kakinada Division,
Kakinada.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rajahmundry Circle,
Rajamahendravaram.

Madam,

- Sub: APFD – F(C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of forest land in Kakinada Division for formation of roads in f/o Executive Engineer, TW Division, Rampachodavaram – Processing of hard copy of the proposals – Instructions issued – Report submission - Reg.
- Ref: 1. PCCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15034/21/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3; Dt:06-10-2018.
2. This office Rc.No.5021/2018-D1; Dt: 15-10-2018.
3. EE, TWD, RCVM Rc.No.
4. This office Rc.No.5021/2018-D1; Dt: 02-11-2018 and 23.11.2018.
5. FRO, RC Varam Rc.No.1000/2018, Dt: 18.01.2019.

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It is submitted that, the proposals for diversion of 2.71 ha Forest Land for Laying of WBM Road from Palagedda to Nagalova passing through the Reserved Forests of Kakinada Division for in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Division, Rampachodavaram were forwarded by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur in the reference 1st cited, for examining and to submit the remarks and recommendations.

Further, I submit that, the proposals were forwarded vide reference 4nd cited to the Forest Range Officer, Rampachodavaram for field verification duly obtaining the hard copies from the user agencies vide reference 3rd cited. Accordingly, the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram and the Forest Range Officer, Rampachodavaram have submitted reports vide references 5th cited and the details are as follows.

Further, the Site inspection was conducted on 17.01.2019 by me along with the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram and the Forest Range Officer, Rampachodavaram & concerned staff. As per my field inspection and inspection report of the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram and the Forest Range Officer, Rampachodavaram and as per the proposals submitted by the user agency the following are the observations.

1. The road passes through thick forest of Palagondhi RF, Compt.No.41 & 46, Palagondhi Beat of Gurthedu Section and Comp.no.24 & 25 of Antilova RF, Donkarai Beat of Donkarai Section.
2. Total No.of trees need to be felled are Teak & Misc. **6810** nos (Statement to be submitted)
3. As per field verification length of the road is **15000** mtrs and a width of 7.50 mtrs.
4. The above said road proposals were verified on the field and the User agency has not committed any violation of FC Act,1980 and other relevant acts and Rules.

5. The width of the road is 7.50 mtrs as per the proposals submitted by the user agency. But the proposed area is very sloppy.
6. The proposed road may leads to the destruction of 1984 Teak Plantation (54 Ha) present in surrounding areas.
7. The average density of the adjoining forest is more than 0.8 and is thick forest cover.
8. The area inhabits rich flora and fauna and act as special & unique type of habitat for leopards, Indian gaurs and sloth bears.
9. There are high steep slopes with elevation of 50-70 degrees which may lead to severe destruction to the area if disturbed.

The proposed area is not a part of a National park or Sanctuary. The proposed area is not a part of Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve or Elephant corridor. No Archeologically important structures are present in the proposed area.

Further, it is submitted that, the Palagedda to Nagalova road proposal were verified on the field and there are very less number of households existing in the villages connected by the proposed road. The Providing BT Road into interior area will open doors to the illegal encroachers to encroach upon and also will increase chances of timber smuggling. The proposed road may cause several adverse effects to the existing natural forests and wildlife by way of causing Soil erosion, habitat loss & Habitat fragmentation for wildlife. The disturbance can have detrimental effects on the existing flora and fauna during and after road formation. Hence, the proposal is **not recommended**.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Nandani Salaria
Divisional Forest Officer,
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

Copy to the Distirct Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada for favour of kind information.

Copy to the Project officer, ITDA, Rampachodavaram for favour of kind information.

Copy to the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Rampachadavaram for information and necessary action. He is directed to ensure that no work inviolation of F(C) Act,1980 takes place. He is requested to see that the said proposed work is not commenced in anticipation of the permission.

Copy to the the Executive Engineer, TW Division, Rampachodavaram for information and necessary action.

Sd/- Nandani Salaria
Divisional Forest Officer,
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

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G. Surendra 21/01/19
Technical Officer