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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH****FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
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To  
The Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Forests, Science  
and Technology Department,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat  
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**Rc.no.EFS02-15034/37/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:  
17/03/2021.**

Sir,

Sub:APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 1.23 ha. of forest land in  
- Compartment no.1291 & 1333 in Narsipatnam Forest Division for  
formation of road from Nerellabanda to Sagulu in favour of **EE , PR, Paderu**  
- 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/49021/2020.  
- 2. PCCF & HoFF Rc. no.EFS02-15034/37/2018- FCA SEC  
PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 27.10.2020.  
3. CF, Visakhapatnam Rc. no.741/2020/TO, dated.10.03.2021.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Paderu in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 1.23 ha. of forest land in Compartment no.1291 & 1333 of Pedavalasa RL in Pedavalasa North Beat of R.V. Nagar Range of Narsipatnam division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts **from Nerellabanda to Sagulu of G.K. Veedhi Mandal** in favour of in f/o EE , PR, Paderu.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 1.23 ha. of forest land in Compartment no.1291 & 1333 of Pedavalasa RL in Pedavalasa North Beat of R.V. Nagar Range of Narsipatnam division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts **from Nerellabanda to Sagulu of G.K. Veedhi Mandal** in favour of in f/o EE , PR, Paderu and processed under Forest (Conservation ) Act, 1980.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 1.23 ha. is required for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Nerellabanda to Sagulu of G.K. Veedhi Mandal, Narsipatnam Division in f/o Executive Engineer,

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Panchayat Raj Division, Paderu.

- The road work sanctioned / approved by Ministry of Rural Development in PMGSY grant under RCPLWE programme.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹489 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the villagers of Yerracheruvulu, Sampangigondi, Sagulu to reach the mandal head quarters G.K. Veedhi with shortest path by providing this road. The existing road passes through the RF area for a length of 1640 m. This is only the shortest route for the people of six habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying on this road due to improper geometry and various streams crossing the road. The people are facing lot of problems to meet their needs of Education, Health and Transportation of Agricultural and forest produces etc., Hence, the road is proposed to upgrade to BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, tree extraction charges and also for avenue plantations etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 1.23 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 14500 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, Narsipatnam Division has submitted the following information in Part-II.**

- Forest land to an extent of 1.23 ha. is required in Compartment no.1291 & 1333 of Pedavalasa RL in Pedavalasa North Beat of R.V. Nagar Range of Narsipatnam division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts **from Nerellabanda to Sagulu of G.K. Veedhi Mandal** in favour of in f/o EE , PR, Paderu.
- Legal Status of the forest is Pedavalasa RL is notified U/s -4 of A.P Forest Act, 1967.
- The density of the forest in the nearby vicinity of the proposed road is about 0.6.
- There are 32 number of miscellaneous trees falling along the width of the proposed road and the value of the trees is ₹6,83,898/-.
- There is no vulnerability of forest area to erosion.
- The proposed road is passing through the Reserve forest.
- 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.
- The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

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maps are furnished

The Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 10.01.2021 and recommended for an area of 1.23 ha. in Compartment no.1291 & 1333 of Pedavalasa RL in Pedavalasa North Beat of R.V. Nagar Range of Narsipatnam division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts **from Nerellabanda to Sagulu of G.K. Veedhi Mandal** in favour of in f/o EE , PR, Paderu. The total length of the proposed road is 6.50 Km of which 1640 m in 2 bits (i.e., Bit-1 – 560 m, Bit-2 – 1080 m) is falling in RF. The width proposed by User Agency is 7.5 m. Thus, the total area required to be diverted for formation of road including construction of culverts (2 nos) is 1.23 ha. There is already an existing old cart road/ pathway of width about 3 to 4 m. It is also stated that, due to this project, there is no threat to the local flora, fauna and there is no archeological heritage importance in this locality.

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

In part –III, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006 in File no.REV-FSECOGNR/60/2020-DT(F)-VSKPCO, dt.27.02.2021, as stipulated by the MoEF, GoI, 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 GoI, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)) & a unique proposal number no.**FP/AP/ROAD/49021/2020** 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, Visakhapatnam & Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division have recommended the proposal for diversion of 1.23 ha. in Compartment no.1291 & 1333 of Pedavalasa RL in Pedavalasa North Beat of R.V. Nagar Range of Narsipatnam division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts **from Nerellabanda to Sagulu of G.K. Veedhi Mandal** in favour of in f/o EE , PR, Paderu.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF, GoI New Delhi vide File no.

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FC-11/115/2019-FC, dt.13.09.2019, Compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 5.00 ha. with less than 50 trees per ha. Accordingly, for the subject project Compensatory Afforestation is not required, as the forest land proposed for diversion is 1.23ha., which is less than 5.00 ha. and only 32 miscellaneous tree felling is required.

Further, it is also submitted that, under para no.4.4.4 (d) , Chapter -4 of guidelines communicated in GOI F.no.5-2/2017-FC, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi dt.28.03.2019, the general approval category to accord clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is valid till 31st Dec'2020.**

It is further submitted that the user agency has not submitted compliance on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-1 approval accorded by the Government for the following road proposal.

Sl.no	Name of the Proposal	Area diverted (in ha.)	Date of Stage-I approval
1	Formation of road from Pachnapalli to Gemmeli	3.18	03.12.2019
2	Formation of road from Vanjari to Korrapadu	1.88	03.10.2019
3	Nurmathi R&B Road to Pedajageeru of G.Madugula Mandal	2.48	18.12.2018
4	Formation of road from Udapalem to Andanapali	2.14	29.10.2018
5	Formation of road from Luvvasingi to Alagam	2.19	25.07.2018
6	Formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from G.Agraharam road to Lakkavaram.	2.89	25.07.2018
7	Road from NSD R&B road at 102/0 to Petrai village of G.K.Veedhi Mandal of Visakhapatnam District	3.27	05.11.2015
8	Road from NSD R&B Road at 102/0 to G.Neredupalli of G.K.Veedhi Mandal of Visakhapatnam District.	2.99	05.11.2015
9	Providing BT surface to the road from Sapparla to Galikonda in G.K.Veedhi Mandal	4.027	05.11.2015

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10	Providing BT surface to the road from Kotagunnala to Vanabhalingam in G.K.Veedhi Mandal	2.92	21.12.2015
11	Formation of BT Road from Lammasingi to Busulakota in Chinthapalli Mandal	4.90	05.11.2015
12	Formation of BT road from teemulabanda to vadamamidi village of GK Veedhi	3.46	05.11.2015
13	Formation of BT road from Duppulawada to GorriovaVillage	2.66	05.11.2015
14	Formation of BT Road from Pothavaram to M Bheemavaram in Koyyuru Mandal	2.14	05.11.2015
15	Lolangipadu to Pedapolam	1.79	18.05.2020
16	Magathapalem to Vedurupalli	1.6	16.06.2020
17	Solabham to Ambalmamidi	1.82	19.05.2020
18	ZPP Road to Reddipalem	1.42	29.10.2018
19	Vantlamamidi PV R&B road to Vanjparthi	3.11	29.10.2018
20	Solabham to Chilakamamidi	4.37	19.05.2020
21	Bangarumetta to Chinthagunnala	2	13.06.2018
22	Laying of BT road from GPY - Nunaparthi Road at KM 1/8 to Nadimpalli village in Atchutapuram Mandal in Visakhapatnam District	0.78	13.12.2017
23	Diversion of Forest land for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from ZPP road to Sirasaguda	3.3854	22.05.2018
24	Formation & BT to the road including construction of Culverts from ZPP road to Dhanasanivalasa	4.7637	24.05.2018
25	Road from Pedakota(Jalada) to Velamamidi of Ananthagiri Mandal Visakhapatnam	2.0828	05.01.2017
26	Road from Mamidipadu(Medaparthi) to Venukonda(Mettavalasa) of Ananthagirimandal Visakhapatnam	1.3747	05.01.2017
27	Vanjangi to Kothavalasa	2.6	31.01.2019

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28	P.Kodapalli to PL Road via Urugonda	4.46	25.06.2018
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In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 1.23 ha. of forest land in in Compartment no.1291 & 1333 of Pedavalasa RL in Pedavalasa North Beat of R.V. Nagar Range of Narsipatnam division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts **from Nerellabanda to Sagulu of G.K. Veedhi Mandal** in favour of EE , PR, Paderu 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  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Conservator of Forests , Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer , Narsipatnam for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Paderu for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada. He is requested to issue necessary instructions to the concerned Executive Engineer to submit compliance on the conditions stipulated in the stage-I approval accorded by the Government for the above road projects.

#### 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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Signature:

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