

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
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Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi.

Rc.no.EFS02-15034/71/2020/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 06.03.2022.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land in Compartment no. 860 of Sankaram RL and Compartment no.861,862 & 808 of madugula Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R&B road to Konam via Poolabanda (PV R&B road at 12 mile to Devapuram) in favour of EE PR (PIU) Division, 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/59874/2020, dated: 20.11.2020.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no. EFS02-15034/71/2020- FCA SEC- PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 20.12.2020.
3. CCF, Visakhapatnam Rc. no. 4701/2020/TO, dated: 25.02.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Paderu in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land in Compartment no.860 of Sankaram RL and Compartment no.861,862 & 808 of madugula Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R&B road to Konam via Poolabanda (PV R&B road at 12 mile to Devapuram) in favour of EE PR (PIU) Division, Paderu.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam in the reference 3rd cited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land in Compartment no.860 of Sankaram RL and Compartment no.861, 862 & 808 of Madugula Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from **Paderu Waddadi R&B road to Konam via Poolabanda** (PV R&B road at 12 mile to Devapuram) in favour of EE PR (PIU) Division, 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 2.65 ha is required for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Paderu Waddadi R & B road to Konam via Poolabanda (Road from PV R&B road at 12th mile to Devapuram) of Paderu (M), through of Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division, Paderu under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The road work sanctioned / approved by Ministry of rural development in PMGSY RCPLWEA grant under phase XI Batch -III.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs. 840.00 lakh.
- The User Agency has justified that, the villagers of 12th mile, Isakgaruvu, Poolabana, Kakki, Edulapalem, Pulusumamidi & Devapuram reach the mandal head quarters Paderu with shortest path by providing this road, the proposed road passes through Reserve Forest in various reaches in the road from 0/0 to 14/000 km. This is the only the shortest route for the people of the above 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.,

- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, tree extraction charges etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 2.65 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 directly by creating 40000 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 District Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- Forest land to an extent of 2.65 has in compartment no.860 of Minimuluru beat and compartment no.861, 862 & 808 of Madugula Beat, Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R & B road at 12th mile to Devapuram) in favour of Executive Engineer , Panchayat (PIU) Division, Paderu.
- Legal status of the forest is Sankaram RL notified under Section-4 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967 vide G.O. No. 2118, Food and Agriculture (For.III), dated: 25.11.1969..
- The density of the forest is 0.4 to 0.7 (Eco-class-II) Southern Tropical Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest.
- No trees falling all along the width of road proposed.
- There is old foot path from Paderu Waddadi R & B road to Kona via Poolabanda. As the way (footpath) is already being used by the villagers of 12th mile stone to Devapuram villages) and it is the only way to connect the main road from the surrounding villages. It is essentially required for the people for transportation. The area along the stretch appears to be stable.
- **A length 3533.32 m and width 7.50 m of proposed road running inside RF.**
- No rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the 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 un-avoidable 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 maps are furnished

The District Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has inspected the area proposed for diversion of forest land on 16.04.2021. Site inspection report of the District Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam is enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part-II, the District Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam has "**Recommended**" the proposal, subject to certain conditions.

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, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Paderu has identified Non-Forest Land over an extent of 25.52 ha in Sy. no. 418-P of Kommika (V), Koyyuru Mandal, Visakhapatnam District for all the following (9) road proposals

which includes the present proposal for CA purpose to have single patch and to enable the Forest Department to effectively manage the newly planted area.

Sl. no.	Name of the Road Proposal	Forest area proposed for diversion (in ha)	CA land identified in Sy. no. 418-P of Kommika (V), Koyyuru (M), Visakhapatnam District as single patch (in ha).
1	Gompam to Bobbampadu	2.21	2.210
2	Pachinapalli road to Sampangiputtu	1.68	1.680
3	Yerrabanda to Block boundary (Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem)	5.92	5.920
4	Sapparla to Gollapalli	6.53	6.530
5	Paderu Waddadi R & B road to Konam via Poolabanda	2.65	2.650
6	Nerellabanda to Sagulu via Yerracheruvulu	1.23	1.230
7	Munagarapalli to Vanchula	2.34	2.340
8	Nimmalapadu - Bongija road to Lungaparthi	1.54	1.540
9	Lambasingi to Gadigoyye	1.42	1.420
Total		25.52	25.52

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 Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has prepared CA Scheme proposals for 25.52 ha (single patch involving CA area for 9 projects) with the financial outlay of Rs.124.77 lakh. Out of 9 projects, the CA scheme for the subject proposal of 2.65 ha, arrived on proportionate basis is Rs.12.96 lakh commencing from 2022-23 to 2033-34 with 10 years maintenance in the non-forest land identified by the User Agency in Sy. no. 418-P of Kommika (V), Koyyuru (M), Visakhapatnam District for Compensatory Afforestation. The CA Scheme, map and other related certificates are submitted herewith.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has inspected the area proposed for CA on 14.02.2022. Site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam and soil suitability certificate are 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, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land.

In Part-IV, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh has **"Recommended"** the Proposal for diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R & B road to Konam via Poolabanda (PV R & B road at 12th mile to Devapuram) in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU) Division, Paderu.

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, Visakhapatnam 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/59874/2020** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam have recommended the proposal for diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land in Compartment no.860 of Sankaram RL and Compartment no.861,862 & 808 of Madugula Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R&B road to Konam via Poolabanda (PV R&B road at 12 mile to Devapuram) in favour of EE PR (PIU) Division, Paderu.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land in Compartment no.860 of Sankaram RL and Compartment no.861,862 & 808 of Madugula Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R&B road to Konam via Poolabanda (PV R&B road at 12 mile to Devapuram) in favour of EE PR (PIU) Division, 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.

The 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,
Sd/- N. Prateep Kumar
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

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Assistant Conservator of Forests (Law)

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PART-IV

Diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land in Compartment no.860 of Sankaram RL and Compartment no.861,862 & 808 of madugula Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R&B road to Konam via Poolabanda (PV R&B road at 12 mile to Devapuram) in favour of EE PR (PIU) Division, Paderu.

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: 06/03/2022

Place : Guntur

Signature Anand Kumar Jha

Name:

A.K. JHA

Office Seal:

**Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer**

Signed by Anand Kumar Jha

Date: 06-03-2022 13:30:09

Reason: Approved