

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To
The Prl. Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forest, Science
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Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.No. EFS02-15034/43/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 05-10-2018

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 4.26 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Mulumetta to Vanchula Kothapalem road in Compt. Nos. 1039,1595,1596 & 1597 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division - Submission of processed proposal U/s-2 of F(C) Act, 1980- Reg.,

Ref:- 1. Proposals uploaded in the Ministry's website No. FP/AP/ROAD/34563/2018.
2. PCCF 's Rc.No.EFS02 -15034/43/2018- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated : 25.07.2018
3. CCF/CF, Visakhapatnam Rc. No. 3257/2018/TO, dated : 28.09.2018.

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It is informed that, the Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 4.26 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Mulumetta to Vanchula Kothapalem road in Compt. Nos. 1039,1595,1596 & 1597 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division vide reference 2nd cited for processing under F(C) Act, 1980 and amendments therein and submit the proposals through the concerned Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam vide reference 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 4.26 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Mulumetta to Vanchula Kothapalem road in Compt. Nos. 1039,1595,1596 & 1597 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division.

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

- An area of 4.26 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 1039,1595,1596 & 1597 is required for formation & BT to the road including construction of culverts from Mullumetta to Vanchula Kothapalem (V), G.K. Veedhi (M), Narsipatnam Division.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 483.52 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers of Kadugula, Eethalbanda, Vanchula and Kothapalem reach the mandal head quarters G.K. Veedhi with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through RF for a length of 5680.00 m. This is the only shortest route for the people of Six habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not playing 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 also certified that, no other alternative route than the proposed to avoid the forest area. The opted route is the best one to meet the needs of education, health and transportation of agricultural produce.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, Trees extraction charges etc., .

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- The area proposed for diversion is 4.26 Ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement involve due to construction of this project.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- The user agency has stated that, no Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is required
- Employment likely to be generated is 40000 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- An area of 4.26 Ha of forest land is required for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Mullumetta to Kothapalem via Vanchula of Chintapalli (M), passing Chintapalli RF, Narsipatanam Division.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0.7
- Legal Status of the forest is Chintapalli RF us notified under Section 15 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967.
- Regarding Species – wise (scientific names) and diameter class –wise enumeration of trees it has been stated that there are 75 trees (44 Teak & 31 Non-teak) falling the width of the proposed Road. 19 Non-teak trees falling along the width of the proposed road and the value of the trees is Rs. 28,26,869/- (Twenty Eight lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Nine).
- Regarding brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it has been stated that ,there is no vulnerability of forest area to erosion.
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is the proposed road is passing through the Reserve Forest area.
- Regarding rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area it is stated that, there are no rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- There are no protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land is proposed by the user agency is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- Regarding any work in violation of the Act has been carried out, it has been stated that, the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 17-9-2018 and stated that there is already an existing old cart road / pathway of width about 5 to 6 Mts. There are 75 trees (44 Teak and 31 Non-teak) to be removed /permitted to removed for laying the proposed road. The proposed road is very essential to tribal villages / hamlets for their connectivity and essential services like medical facilities, education, marketing of agricultural produce etc., The required forest area is unavoidable for the project and due to this project there is no threat to the local flora, fauna and there is no archeological heritage importance in this locality.

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

In column No. 13 of Part –II, the Divisional Forest Officer has “Recommended” the proposal, as it is essential to people in the tribal villages/ hamlets for their connectivity and essential services like medical facilities, education , marketing of agricultural produce etc.

In part –III, the Chief Conservator of Forests / 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.

In this regard it is to submit that the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.13.05.2011, 10.12.2012, 01.02.2013, 17.05.2013 & 15-02-2018 has accorded general approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure works to be carried out by Government Department in 117 LWE affected districts for diversion of forest land not more than 40.00 Ha in each case/activities as mentioned therein. In such cases, the State Government is empowered to accord permission, subject to the condition that the forest area is falling outside Protected Areas.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF, Gol New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.16.06.2011, no compensatory Afforestation is to be insisted on diversion of forest land upto 5.00 Ha, to be carried out by Govt. Dept. in the notified LWE Affected District. Visakhapatnam District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in Visakhapatnam District and the area proposed for diversion is 4.26 Ha, which is less than 5.00 Ha, as such equivalent non-forest land for CA is not required for this project.

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District vide Ir., dated: Nil has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide 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 is enclosed with the proposal.

Further, it is informed that as per the guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website (www.forestclearance.nic.in) & a unique file number FP/AP/ ROAD/34563/2018 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam & Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division have recommended the proposal for area of 4.26 Ha of forest land in compt. Nos. 1039, 1595, 1596 & 1597 in Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Mullumetta to Vanchula Kothapalem, (V), G.K. Veedhi (M), Narsipatnam Division in f/o Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for area of 4.26 Ha of forest land for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Mullumetta to Vanchula Kothapalem(V), G.K. Veedhi (M), Narsipatnam Division in f/o Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam duly recommended in Part-IV in duplicate is furnished herewith for further consideration of the proposal.

Encl - (2) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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

Copy to Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam for information.

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Superintendent
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PART - IV

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

Proposal for diversion of 4.26 Ha of FL for formation of
road from Malumetta to Vanchole

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation 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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Place:

Date:

Signature **Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi IFS.,**
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