

Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam for diversion of 11.30 ha. of forest land (6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division & 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of BT road from Y.Ramavaram to Pothavaram (Via) M.Bheemavaram at Km.0/0 to 15/20 in Compt. No.1441&1442, Puttakota RL in Marripakala Range on 25.08.2021.

Inspected the proposed area for diversion of 11.30 ha. of forest land (6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division, E.G.District & 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division, Visakhapatnam District) including construction of 6 culverts in Koyyuru Mandal passing through Compt. No.1441 & 1442, Puttakota RL in Valugudem Beat, Mattam Bheemavaram Section of Marripakala Range on 25.08.2021 along with Marripakala Range staff and officials of the User agency i.e., Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.

The diversion of forest land for the proposed stretch of road 0/00 to 15/200 Km. passing through East Godavari and Visakhapatnam Districts. Out of that, the length of 7,318 m. passing through forest area of Kakinada Forest Division and 5,245 m.(including 1,667 m. in Mattam Bheemavaram enclosure) length is passing through Compt. No.1441 & 1442, Puttakota RL in Valugudem Beat, Mattam Bheemavaram Section of Marripakala Range in Narsipatnam Division.



- The total length of the proposed road is 5,245 m. and the proposed width is 9.00 m. Thus, the total area required to be diverted for widening of the road is **4.72 ha.** (5245 m. x 9 m.) including construction of 6 no. of culverts at Km.9/8, 10/10, 14/6, 13/4, 13/10, 10/4.
- During joint inspection, it is found that there are 58 no. of miscellaneous trees are falling within the proposed width of the road as reported by the

Forest Range Officer, Marripakala. The density of the forest in the vicinity is about 0.7. There is already an existing old cart road/ pathway of width about 3 to 6 m.

The Proposed road widening is essential to the people of Chilakalapalem, M.Bheemavaram, Cheedikota, Dabbakota, Udatha, Kommanooru and Pothavaram etc., for their connectivity and essential services like medical facilities, education, marketing of agricultural produce etc. In the inspected area the User agency did not carry out any work in violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and other relevant acts.

With reference to alternate "Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.)" land. The User agency has identified CA land at Survey no.204, Uppalanka, H/O Gurajanapalli village in Karapa Mandal, East Godavari District with an extent of 11.88 ha. in two Bits (i.e., Bit1- 11.50 ha. & Bit2- 0.38 ha.) and the authenticated DGPS map duly signed by the Forest and R&B officials is appended in Part-I proposals.

The proposed road is recommended for an area of **4.72 ha.** for diversion of forest land in Compt. No.1441 & 1442, Puttakota RL in Marripakala Range of Narsipatnam Division with the following conditions in the interest of Forests and Wildlife Conservation.

1. The User agency shall restrict the tree felling minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of local forest officer and large trees having wildlife importance shall not be disturbed.
2. The User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
3. Adequate number of ramblers / speed breakers and underground/ over passages shall be provided to facilitate movement of wildlife and to avoid accidents as recommended by CWLW/ NBWL/FAC/REC.
4. Display board at starting and ending point showing details of forest land involved in diversion and clearly mentioning the status of land as 'Forest land'.
5. Suitable protection structures shall be included in the proposed road is having steep gradient to avoid soil erosion.
6. All DGPS surveyed points shall be clearly demarcated on the field and proposed alignment shall be followed.

7. The User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
10. Sufficient fire wood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
11. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
15. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt.29.01.2018.
16. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulated from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
17. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

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.


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