

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From	To
Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur - 522 004.	The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522 503.

Ref.no.EFS02-15034/11/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
Dated:01/05/2022.

Sir,

Sub APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.99 ha of forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road from VR Road to VKY Samudram in Dakkili mandal in favour of EE, PR(PIU), Nellore - 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/44730/2020, dated: 25.02.2020
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no. EFS02-15034/11/2020- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated:03.10.2021.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur Rc. no. 764/2020-TO, dated: 19.08.2021.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer , Panchayat Raj Division, Nellore in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 0.99 ha of forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road from **VR Road to VKY Samudram in Dakkili mandal** in favour of EE, PR(PIU), Nellore.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur in the reference 3rd cited has submitted the proposal for Diversion of 0.99 ha of forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road from VR Road to VKY Samudram in Dakkili mandal in favour of EE, PR(PIU), Nellore and processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 0.99 ha is required for formation of BT road from VR road to VKY Samudram in Dakkili mandal in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Nellore
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹98.00 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the proposed road is connecting VKY Samudram to Grampanchayat Head quarter. The total length of this road is 4.320 km from km 0/000-2/220 existing BT road and km 2/220-3/710 earthen track which is in reserve forest and from km 3/710 -4/320 existing CC road. The length of 1.490 km is falling in the reserve forest area of Dakkili beat for an extent of 0.99 ha. This is the only route for public of VKY Samudram to reach the mandal head quarter. As present public is suffering acute problem particularly Pregnant women, School childrens. The up-gradation of this portion from km 2/220-3/710 to an All-weather road is very much essential. No non-forest area is available for formation of the road hence the nearest minimum forest area proposed for road.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, tree extraction charges etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.99 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 1000 man days may be generated.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

The District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- Forest land to an extent of 0.99 ha is required in Velikallu East and Bheemavaram RFs for formation of road from VR road to VKY samudram in Dakkili mandal, Venkatagiri Range in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Nellore.
- Legal Status of the forest is RF.
- The density of vegetation is 0.3 to 0.4
- Forest type: Eco-Class-IV (tropical Thorn Forests) open scrub forest.
- No tree felling is required for the subject proposal.
- The proposed Reserve forest is not vulnerable to erosion.
- Approximate distance from proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is the proposed formation of BT road from VR road to VKY samudram falls in Velikallu East and Bhimavaram RFs of Venkatagiri Range along the admitted right of way.
- The area proposed for diversion is not a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor etc.
- 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.
- No violation has been carried out by the User Agency.

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

The District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has inspected the area proposed

for diversion on 24.12.2021. Site inspection report of the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore is submitted herewith.

Further, the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has certified that, the proposed road from VR road to VKY samudram in Dakkili mandal in Venkatagiri Range is an admitted Right of Way (Row) i.e. Cart track as per Gazette notifications of Velikallu (E) and Bheemavaram RFs and are existing prior to 1980. The details of Right of Way (RoW) in each RF as per Gazette notifications are as follows:

1) Bheemavaram RF notified under Section -15 of AP Forest Act, 1967 vide G.O. Ms. no. 1849, Food & Agriculture (Forest-III) Dept., dated: 06.09.1967.(b) The following cart tracks to a width of 18 feet are admitted as rights of way for men, cattle and vehicles is as follows:

1. Cart track from Velikallu to Veerakumarayacha Samudram. It enters the block between station No.2 and 3 at a distance of 1010 links from station No.2 and running in a North-Easterly direction for a distance of about 23 chains leaves the block between stations 5 and 6 at a distance of 650 links from station No.5.

2) Velikallu (East) RF notified under Section 15 of AP forest Act, 1967 vide G.O. Ms. no. 2430, Food & Agriculture (Forest-III) Dept., dated: 02.12.1967.

B(a) Rights of way admitted within the block. The following cart tracks are admitted as rights of way to a width of twelve feet for men, cattle and vehicles.

(i) The cart track from Veerakumarayachasamudram to Velikallu. It enters the block between station no.26 and 27 at a distance of 850 links from station no.26 and running through the block in a westerly direction for a distance of about 4 furlongs leaves the block between station No.40 and 41 at a distance of 1530 links from station No.40.

Hence, the user agency proposed to black top the road on widening the admitted width. Copies of the Section-15 Gazette notifications are enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has **"Recommended"** the proposal.

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

The District Collector, SPSR Nellore District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, 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 Gol, 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/44730/2020** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur and the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.99 ha in Velikallu East and Bheemavaram RFs for formation of road from VR road to VKY samudram in Dakkili mandal, Venkatagiri Range in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Nellore.

In this regard, it is to submit that, as per para 4.3 , Chapter-4 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, the subject project falls under general approval category.

Further, as per Chapter 2.6 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, **Compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 1.00 ha. However, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land subject to a minimum number of 100 plants) shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.**

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 0.99 ha in Velikallu East and Bheemavaram RFs for formation of road from VR road to VKY samudram in Dakkili mandal in Venkatagiri in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Nellore duly recommended in Part-IV, subject to the conditions stipulated in Gol, 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 I/s
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Guntur and District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, SPSR Nellore for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada for information.

PART-IV

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

Diversion of 0.99 ha in Velikallu East and Bheemavaram RFs for formation of road from VR road to VKY samudram in Dakkili mandal in Venkatagiri in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Nellore....

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:28/04/2022

Signature

Place : Guntur

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