

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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

Rc.No. EFS02-15034/100/2018/FCA –SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 06-10-2018

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.50 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 8, Gattupalli RF, Nellore Division for formation of road from Km. 6/0 to 7/0 of Kavali Kondapuram Road in f/o EE (R&B), Kavali - Processing of hard copy of proposals - Reg.

Ref:- Proposals uploaded in the ministry's website No. FP/AP/ROAD/36275/2018.

PCCF's Rc. No. Rc.No. EFS02-15034/100/2018/FCA –SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 05-10-2018.

CF, Guntur Rc. No. 3116/2018-TO, dated : 06-10-2018.

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It is informed that, the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Kavali vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 0.50 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 8, Gattupalli RF, Nellore Division for formation of road from Km. 6/0 to 7/0 of Kavali Kondapuram Road in f/o EE (R&B), Kavali.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore 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 Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide reference 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 0.50 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 8, Gattupalli RF, Nellore Division for formation of road from Km. 6/0 to 7/0 of Kavali Kondapuram Road in f/o EE (R&B), Kavali.

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

- An area of 0.50 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. No. 8, Gattupalli RF, Nellore Division for formation of road from Km. 6/0 to 7/0 of Kavali Kondapuram Road in f/o EE (R&B), Kavali.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 90.00 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, this road is an existing right of way in Gattupalli RF with permissible width of 3 yards of this road is made useful to plying RTC buses, local people of Ramavarapadu, Chowdavaram, Kondapuram villagers will be benefited. Hence Black topping of road proposed. The adjacent RF area is minimum and there is no alternative road to Plying buses since the length of the road from Ramavarapadu to Chowdavaram Villages is very short.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, Trees extraction charges etc., .
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.50 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 (Projection) Act, 1986 is required

- Employment likely to be generated is 900 to 1000 man days will be generated through Mazdoors.

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

- An area of 0.50 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. No. 8, Gattupalli RF, Nellore Division for formation of road from Km. 6/0 to 7/0 of Kavalu Kondapuram Road in f/o EE (R&B), Kavalu.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0.4 to 0.5
- Legal Status of the forest is Reserve Forest
- Regarding Species – wise (scientific names) and diameter class –wise enumeration of trees it has been stated that there are 529 Nos trees is there and the valuation of the trees are Rs. 3,17,555/- (Three Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Five hundred and Fifty Five)
- Regarding brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it has been stated that , this area is not vulnerable to erosion.
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is the proposed BT is linear in nature. The proposed road is an existing right of way (cart track) with an admitted width of 3 yards, which enters the Gattupalli RF 2^{1/2} Chaings north fo the South – West corner of Sy. No. 927 of Gattupalli goes for about 43 ^{1/2} chains, and leaves the reserve near the north –east corner of Sy. No. 1229 of Gattupalli.
- The alignment of the road does not form a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor etc.
- 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, Nellore Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 04-10-2018 and stated that the density of vegetation is ranging from 0.40 to 0.50 with Eucalyptus plantation along the alignment of the proposed road. The main Flora is Eucalyptus Spp, Ziziphus caracutta, Ziziphus mauritiana, Dodnaea viscosa etc. and the Fauna is Wild boar, Spotted deer, Wild dog, Rabbit, Reptiles and Bird species. The proposed area falls under the Eco –class –IV with Eco-value of Dense Forest.

- 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 the people in tribal villages/ hamlets for their connectivity and essential services like medical facilities, education , marketing of agricultural produce etc.

In part –III, the Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore 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. In the present case, the area proposed for diversion falls in Nellore District which is not an LWE District.

Further, as per Chapter (3) (viii) (b) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 No compensatory afforestation shall be insisted upto 1.00 Ha. (However, in such cases, plantation of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled will have to be carried out by way of compensatory afforestation or any number of trees specified in the order)

As per MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, under RoFR Act, 2006, the user agency has not furnished the RoFR Certificate 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,

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/36275/2018 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur & Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 0.50 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. No. 8, Gattupalli RF, Nellore Division for formation of road from Km. 6/0 to 7/0 of Kavali Kondapuram Road in f/o EE (R&B), Kavali.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 0.50 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. No. 8, Gattupalli RF, Nellore Division for formation of road from Km. 6/0 to 7/0 of Kavali Kondapuram Road in f/o EE (R&B), Kavali duly recommended in Part-IV in triplicate is furnished herewith for taking further action in the matter..

Encl - (3) sets of proposals

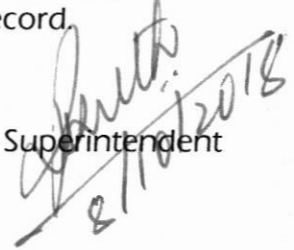
Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to Conservator of Forests, Guntur and Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore for information.

Copy to Executive Engineer, R&B Department, Kavali. He is directed to submit (3) sets of RoFR Certificate to the Government and (1) set to this office for record.

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8/10/18


Superintendent

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road
1) Diversion of 0.50 Ha of FL from Kavalu - Kondapuram Road.

PART - IV

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

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks

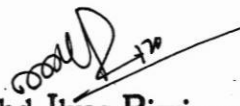
(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Date : 06.10.18

Place: Guntur

Signature.....

Name

Official seal  Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi IFS.

Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur