

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Spl.Chief Secretary to the
Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Amaravati - 522 503.

Ref. no. EFS02-15034/22/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1,

Dated:09/09/2022.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode - Proposal submitted with recommending in Part-IV - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Proposal No. FP/AP/ROAD/150396/2021, dt.17.05.2022.
2. CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.no.2465/2021-TO, dt. 26.08.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Kadapa has initiated a proposal in the PARIVESH portal on 17.05.2022 for diversion of 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode.

The proposal has been forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa on 22.07.2022 for processing the proposal as per the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In the reference cited, cited, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted the proposal duly processed under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details of the proposal are as follows.

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

- For locating the project in the forest area, the user agency has justified that, the existing road between Rayachoty-Vempalli Section has a BT road with a width of 7 m, which was declared as National Highway. The road is not upto national highway standards and it can't handle increased highway traffic. The road length of 53.60 km is passing through Surabhi RF of Rayachoti Range, YSR Kadapa District. The road is a part and parcel of NH-440 and it needs widening to national highway standards. There is no alternate path for the same. This road will provide good connectivity within

the district of Kadapa, more importantly it will provide better connectivity between the newly formed capital of Andhra Pradesh and the southern districts of A.P.

- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- The employment likely to be generated due to this project 20 number of persons (Permanent) and 100 number of person-days (Temporary)
- RoFR certificate issued by the District Collector, YSR District in Form-I.
- User Agency has furnished undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, payment of NPV and addl.NPV, as decided by the Forest Department.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa has furnished the following information in part-II:

- Site was inspected on 12.08.2022.
- Surabhi RF is notified under Section 16 of Madras Forest Act, G.O.Ms.no.272, dt.01.06.1900.
- Density of vegetation is 0.2 to 0.4 (Eco-Class-III: Dense Forest).
- 111 nos. of trees are to be felled in the proposed diversion area.
- Florae existing the proposed diversion area is *Cassia siamea* (Seemathangedu), *Zizyphus xylopyrus* (Gotika), *Randia dumetorum* (Manga), *Albezzia amara* (Chigara), *Carissa carandas* (Kalivi) *Casearia graveolens* (Chilla), *Premna tomentosa* (Narava), *Holoptela integrifolia* (Nemalinara), *Cassi fistula* (Rela) etc.
- Fauna noticed indirectly are Sloth bear, Wild boar, Fox, Chowsinga, Peacock, Spotted deer etc.
- The forest area proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to soil erosion.
- The proposed road is passing through boundary of RF line.
- The proposed diversion area is not forming part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed diversion area except one number of Red Sander tree.
- No protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land proposed for diversion is the barest minimum for the project.
- No violation has been taken place in the proposed diversion area.
- There is no need to provide non-forest land for CA purpose since the area proposed for diversion is less than (1) hectare.

It is submitted that, as per para 2.6 (i) of the comprehensive guidelines issued by Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi in F.no.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28.03.2019, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten time the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as many specified in the orders of diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.

In the instant case, as the trees to be felled are 111 nos. in the proposed diversion area, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa has prepared CA scheme with a financial outlay of 88,000 /- for a period of 12 years from 2023-24 to 2033-34 for raising 1110 nos.plants ($111 \times 10 = 1110$) over an extent of 2.00 ha falling in Compartment no.740, Surabhi RF, Surabhi Beat, Guvvalacheruvu Section, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa Division.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division has recommended the

proposal in part-II. The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has also recommended the proposal in Part-III. Nodal officer has recommended the proposal in Part-IV.

The statutory proforma proposal in (3) sets are submitted herewith for taking necessary action under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force) (FAC)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa for information.

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Kadapa-516 003 for information.

PART-IV

Diversion of 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode.

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:**09/09/2022.** Signature: **Anand Kumar Jha.**

Place : Guntur. Name:

Office Seal:**Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests.**

