

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From:
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To,
The Prl. Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.No. 6877/2017/FCA-1, Dated:09.07.2018

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F(C)A, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of Forest Land for laying of 16" Dia VDPL Pipe Line route from Vijayawada to Chittoor (W) in favour of HPCL existing in Krishna, Guntur, Prakasham, Kadapa and Chittoor - Proposals in (3) sets submitted - Reg.

Ref: - 1. GM, HPCL Online Proposal No. FP/AP/Others/30841/2017, Dt.09.12.2017.
2. PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur Ref.No. 6877/2017/FCA-1, Dt.19.04.2018.
3. HPCL Lr.No. HPCL/BNG/VDPL/AP/FOREST/2018, Dt.20.04.2018 (Proddatur Division - 4.43 Ha.)
4. HPCL Lr.No. HPCL/BNG/VDPL/AP/FOREST/2018, Dt.20.04.2018 (Kadapa Division - 11 Ha.)
5. HPCL Lr.No. HPCL/BNG/VDPL/AP/FOREST/2018, Dt.20.04.2018 (Chittoor (W) Division - 1.14 Ha.)
6. PCCF's Ref.No. 6877/2017/FCA-1, Dt.23.04.2018 & 29.06.2018.
7. CF, Ananthapuram Rc.No.590/2018/TO, Dt:27.04.2018.
8. CCF, Kurnool Rc.No.3549/2017-TO, Dt.08.07.18.

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It is informed that, vide reference 1st cited, the General Manager, M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bangalore has submitted the proposals through online (www.forestclearance.nic.in) for diversion of Forest Land to an extent of 16.57 Ha. for laying of 16" Dia VDPL Pipe Line route from Vijayawada to Chittoor (W) in favour of HPCL existing in Krishna, Guntur, Prakasham, Kadapa and Chittoor. The proposal is registered in the ministry's website with unique No. FP/AP/Others/30841/2017, Dt.09.12.2017.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officers, Chittoor West, Kadapa and Proddatur divisions and Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram and Kurnool Circles, vide this office reference 6th cited for processing as per guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments thereon. Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram and Kurnool vide reference 7th and 8th cited has submitted the proposal duly processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and amendment thereon for diversion of 16.57 Ha of forest land as per the field inspection.

The details of proposal are as follows:-

The user agency has furnished the following information in Part-I:

- This proposal is for Laying of 16" dia petroleum product pipeline from Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh and Dharmapuri in Tamilnadu passing through Andhra Pradesh at Km.0.00 to 619.7 Km via Chittoor & Cuddapah Districts under 1.14 Ha. of RF in Chittoor (West) Division, 11.00 Ha. of RF

in Kadapa Division and 4.43 Ha. of RF in Proddatur (WL) Division over an extent of 16.57 Ha.

- For locating the project in forest area, the user agency has justified that HPCL now proposed to lay 16" Dia Pipeline for transportation of finished Petroleum originating from HPCL's existing terminal at Vijayawada and terminating at Dharmapuri via Chittoor and Cuddapah Districts of Andhra Pradesh. The total length of this underground Pipeline is 619 Km at AP Section.
- The route survey was carried out for three alternate routes and it was observed that the possibility of avoiding the Forest Land is Nil. Hence, the best route was selected, based on certain factors stipulated in Part-I, which will pass through least Forest Land.
- The User agency has submitted that 1,50,000 Man-days of Temporary Employment are likely to be generated due to the project.
- Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required is as follows.

Sl.No.	Division	Area in Ha.
1	Chittoor (West)	1.14
2	Kadapa	11.00
3	Proddatur (WL)	4.43

- The User agency has submitted undertakings for Bare Minimum, CA, NPV, Addl. NPV.
- The user agency has submitted the certificate under RoFR Act-2006, as required under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The user agency has submitted the authenticated DGPS surveyed map for the area proposed for diversion.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor (West) Division has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 1.14 ha. in Compt.No. 101 of Boyakonda Reserve Forest in Kuruzulavaripalle Beat of Pungnur Range of Chittoor West Division has notified under Section 15 by G.O.Ms.No. 249 F&RD, (For-III) Department, Dated. 21-05-1981.
- The vegetation density is less than 0.2.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that plant species Azadirachta indica (neem), Albezzia amara (Chigara), Dolichandrone crista (neeruddi), Mimosa prainlana (Sandra) are available in the proposed area.
- It is the barest minimum forest area of 1.14 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archeological and Recreational importance including wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division has inspected the proposed area on 25.04.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has prepared the CA Scheme for Rs.17.30 Lakh for 2.30 Ha. (1.14 X 2 = 2.28 or 2.30) degraded forest land in Compt.No.241 of Vavilathota RF, Santhapeta Beat, Chittoor West Range of Chittoor West Division.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division has stated that no violation is occurred as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Act, 1972 under the proposed project.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 11.00 ha. of Idupulapaya RF, Redlacheruvu RF, Palakonda RF has notified under Section 16 of Madaras Forest Act of 1882 vide Notification No.115, Dt:18.03.1903, Notification No.294, Dt:15.09.1895, Notification No.260, Dt:28.06.1898 and Vongimalla RF notified under Section 15 of A.P.Forest Act (I), 1967 vide Notification No.260, Dt:28.06.1898.
- The Density of Vegetation is around 0.3 to 0.6 (Eco-Class III: Dense forest).
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed area consists of scattered growth with species like Danti, Gotika, Chigara, Kalivi & Banderu etc., and also stated that the species - Red sanders - "Pterocarpus santalinus" was also found in the proposed area.
- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 11.00 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archeological and Recreational importance including wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division has inspected the proposed area on 05.06.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has prepared the CA Scheme for Rs.160.83 Lakh for 22.00 Ha. (11.00 X 2 = 22.00) degraded forest land in Compt.No.567 of Kanumalopalli extension RF, Kanumalopalli Beat, Kadapa Range of Kadapa Division.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division has stated that no violation is occurred as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Act, 1972 under the propose project.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur (WL) Division has furnished the information in Part-II as follows:

- Area proposed by the user agency for diversion of 4.43 ha. in Compt.No. 158 of Kothakota Dasarapalli Reserve Forest in Mallepalli Beat of Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division has notified under Section 16 of Madaras Forest Act of 1882 vide Notification No.338, Dt:12.06.1885
- The Density of Vegetation is around 0.4 to 0.6.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the proposed area is plain and hilly terrain and the existing vegetation is thorny bushes comprising of species Chloroxylon swetenia, Bauhina purpurea, Turnera ulmifolia, Madhuca longifolia, Anagesious latifolia etc., in the entire area and also stated that 63 Nos. of Red sanders are involved in the proposed pipeline alignment.
- It is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area of 4.43 Ha.
- The Divisional Forest Officer stated that the proposal does not affect any monument of Historical, Religious, Archeological and Recreational importance including wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur (WL) Division has inspected the proposed area on 25.04.2018.
- The Divisional Forest Officer has prepared the CA Scheme for Rs.83.502 Lakh for 9.00 Ha. (4.43 X 2 = 8.86 or 9.00) degraded forest land in

Compt.No.250 of Kalavakuntla RF, Siddavaram Beat, Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division.

- The Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur (WL) Division has stated that no violation is occurred as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Act, 1972 under the propose project.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur (WL) Division has recommended the proposal in Part-II.

The Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram has agreed with the information given in Part-II and the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division and recommended in Part-III.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has agreed with the information given in Part-II and the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officers, Kadapa Division and Proddatur (WL) Division and recommended in Part-III.

The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique No. FP/AP/Others/30841/2017, Dt.09.12.2017 generated and the acknowledgement slip generated on the web portal is enclosed herewith.

Both, the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram and Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool along with the Divisional Forest Officers, Chittoor West, Kadapa and Proddatur (WL) Divisions have recommended the proposal.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures duly recommended in Part-IV, are submitted herewith for taking necessary action in the matter.

Encl:- As above.

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

✓ Copy to the Conservators of Forests, Ananthapuram and Kurnool Circles for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Chittoor West, Kadapa and Proddatur (WL) Divisions for information.

Copy to the General Manger, M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bangalore for information and necessary action.

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PART - IV

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

Proposed for Diversion of 4.43 Ha in Camp. No. 158 of Kothabota Dasanipalli RF in Ponnamilla Range of Praddester (WL) Division for laying of 16" Dia Petroleum Product Pipeline from Vijayawada to Dharmapuri.

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the state Forest Department or acceptance of 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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Signature

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

Date: 9-7-18
Place: GUNTUR

PART- IV

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

Proposed for Diversion of 11.00 Hk. in Kadapa Division for laying of 16" Dia
Petroleum Product Pipeline from Vijayawada to Dharmavaram.

17 Detailed opinion and specific
recommendation of the state Forest
Department for acceptance of other wise 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
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Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi I.R.S.,
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur

PART-IV
 Proposed for Diversion of 1.14 Ha. in Comp. No. 101 of Boyakonda RP of Punganur Range, Chittoor
 West Division for laying of 16" Dia Petroleum Pipeline from Vijayawada to Dhammapuri.
**(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator
 of Forests or Head of the Forest Department)**

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposals with remarks.	:	Recommended
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Date: 9-7-18

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