



South Central Railway

Office of Dy.Chief Engineer
Construction, Guntakal

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सं.No.G/W.185/GNT-GTL/DL/Forest land

District Forest Officer
Nandyal District
Nandyal

Sub: Diversion of 3.21 Ha. forest land in Panyam RF, Nandyal District (Rly.Km.275-Km.281 & Km.285-Km.288) between Dhone & Nandyal stations for construction of new double line with electrification between Guntur and Guntakal stations – Online proposal No.FP/AP/RAIL/154617/2022 – **Re-submission of the proposal complying with the remarks issued by Conservator of Forests, Kurnool circle – Reg.**

- Ref:-** 1. Your office letter Rc.No.3699(i)/2019/H5, Dt.16.09.2022
2. CF, Kurnool's Rc.No.4650/2021-TO, Dt.12.09.2022
3. Your office letter Rc.No.3699(i)/2019-H5, Dt.07.06.2022
4. CF, Kurnool's Rc.No.4650/2021-TO, Dt.27.12.2021

I invite your kind attention to the above subject and references.

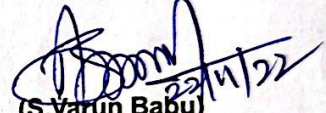
The comments of user agency against item 1 & 3 raised in CF, Kurnool's letter under Reference-4 are given below.

S.No	Observation of CF, Kurnool	Comments of user agency
1.	As seen from the toposheet map, the forest area required for diversion is in (8) stretches, stretch 1 and 2 in Konidedu & Panyam Reserve Forests, Stretch-3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 falling in Panyam Reserve Forest. But there are gaps between stretches of 3 to 8, though the proposed railway doubling line passing through Reserve Forest. No reasons for the gaps are submitted.	The extent of forest area required for diversion is assessed based on the existing width of forest land under Railway usage (vacant), height of new formation (for doubling) or length upto which bridge to be extended to accommodate double line, etc. As said, there are gaps between stretches of 3 to 8 in the proposed diversion. It is to bring to your kind notice that in the gaps (between the stretches), the existing width of forest land under Railway usage (vacant) is sufficient to accommodate new double line considering the height of formation, length of bridge extension, etc. and no Forest area is required to be diverted in those gaps. Considering the field requirement (as said above), the diversion proposal has been sent. Further, in the re-diversion proposal (to make use of vacant forest land under the custody of Railways for the purpose of doubling) which has already been processed to your office, the complete stretch has been indicated without any gaps.

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2.	Authority for the forest area already diverted or under the control/railways shall be furnished with full details in Panyam Reserve forest.	The authority for the forest area already diverted during the conversion of Meter Gauge to Broad Gauge vide Government of A.P./ Energy & Forests (For.I) Department G.O.Ms.No.174, dated 24.08.1994 (copy enclosed) has been submitted herewith.

Further, in regard to the remark made by IRO, Vijayawada in file no.4-APC145/2022-VIJ/378, dt.31.05.2022, it is hereby submitted that the Railway acknowledges that the existing forest land under Railway usage was diverted during gauge conversion. Now, for execution of Doubling works between Guntur-Guntakal, as the purpose of land (diverted earlier) will be changed, Re-diversion proposal has already been submitted vide this office letter of even number, dt.25.07.2022.

In light of the above, you are requested to process the subject proposal for early forest clearance please.


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