

**Government of Andhra Pradesh  
Forest Department**

Rc.No. 2432/2019-D1,  
Dated. 26.11.2020.

Office of the District Forest Officer,  
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

From  
Sri. B. Sunil Kumar Reddy, I.F.S.,  
District Forest Officer,  
Kakinada Division,  
Kakinada.

To  
The Authorized Signatory,  
M/s. ONGC Ltd.,  
KG-DWN-98/2,  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Subhadra Arcade,  
Bhanugudi Junction, Kakinada.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 2.67 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s ONGC, Kakinada for laying of 20" Pipeline (about 31 kms) from Offshore Platform through Mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC Onshore plant at Mallavaram Village, Tallarevu Mandal, East Godavarai District - Certain Clarification requested - Reg.

Ref: PCCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15027/4/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/ FCA-1; Dt:27.12.2019.

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With reference to the above, it is to inform that, the M/s ONGC, Kakinada has applied for Forest clearance for diversion of 2.67 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s ONGC, Kakinada for laying of 20" Pipeline (about 31 kms) from Offshore Platform through Mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC Onshore plant at Mallavaram Village, Tallarevu Mandal, East Godavarai District.

In this connection, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur and the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry has issued instructions to the conduct a joint site inspection for diversion of 2.67 ha. of forest land for laying of 20" Pipeline of about 31 km length from Offshore Platform, through Mouth of the Goutami river to ONGC Onshore Plant at Mallavaram village, Thallarevu Mandal, East Godavari district in favour of M/s ONGC, Kakinada on 19.10.2020 by Divisional Forest Officer (WL), Rajahmundry and the District Forest Officer, Kakinada along with Concerned FROs and staff.

It is observed that the length of 1.17 km of pipeline passing through the water body in compartment no. 666 of Matlatippa RF of Kakinada Territorial Range of Kakinada Division over an area of 2.67 ha, and the length of the pipeline is 5.69 km. out of which 0.03km in Revenue lands mangroves are present on both sides. Hence, the length of 0.03 km Mangroves also attracts the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

In this regard, the user agency is requested to revise the proposals adding the area of all mangrove patches through which pipeline is passing through and send a comprehensive proposal.

This is for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- B. Sunil Kumar Reddy  
District Forest Officer,  
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

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Technical Officer