

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
SECRET

Division - Diversion of forest land 132.31 ha. for conversion of Metre Gauge Railway line to Broad Gauge line between Giddalur and Dronachalam Stations - Permission - Accorded.

ENERGY & FORESTS (FOR. I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 174

Dated 24-8-1994

Read the following:-

1. From the Prl. CCF, Lr. No. 51369/92-FC, dt. 2-5-94.
2. Govt. Lr. No. 16037/For. I/93-1, dt. 3-5-94.
3. Govt. Lr. No. 16037/For. I/93-2, dt. 14-6-94.
4. Govt. Lr. No. 16037/For. I/93-3, dt. 15-6-94.
5. G.O.I., Ministry of Env. & Forests Lr. No. 8-37/94-FC, dt. 26-7-94.
6. From the Chief Engineer (C)/III SC-Railway Lr. No. W/Con/153/G 46/1-Link File dt. 17-8-94.
7. Govt. Lr. No. 16037/For. I/93, dt. 18-8-94.
8. G.O.I. Ministry of Env. & Forests Lr. No. 8-37/94-FC, dt. 26-8-94.

O A D E R:

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests in the letter 1st read above has furnished proposals for diversion of 132.31 ha. of forest land for construction of Metre Gauge Railway Line to Broad Gauge Line between Giddalur and Dronachalam Stations.

2. The State Government in the letter 2nd read above have recommended and forwarded the proposals to the Government of India for their approval under Section (2) of Forest Conservation Act 1980.

3. The Government of India in their letter 8th read above have communicated their approval for diversion of 132.31 ha. of forest land for conversion of Metre Gauge line to Broad Gauge line between Giddalur and Dronachalam Stations.

4. The State Government hereby accord permission for diversion of 132.31 ha. of forest land for conversion of Metre Gauge line to Broad Gauge line between Giddalur and Dronachalam Stations, subject to the following conditions.

- i) Legal status of forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be done at the project cost over equivalent non-forest land which will be declared as protected/reserve Forest.
- iii) As far as possible, cut and fill methods shall be used for laying of railway track.
- iv) As a rule, no tree felling will be done within the Forest area required by the project authority for the purpose of dumping cut-soil/borrow pits. Borrow pits should be dug in such a manner that tree felling is avoided to the maximum possible extent. Possibility of bringing earth from non-forest area even with a wider lead should be critically examined. However, if tree felling is unavoidable in the area required for dumping cut soil/borrow pits specific approval for tree felling shall be obtained from the Forest Department.

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- v) Rail fittings and sleepers should be removed from the abandoned alignment.
- vi) All the buildings in the forest area along the old alignment should be handed over to the forest department.
- vii) The forest land along the old alignment should revert back to the Forest department. The non-forest land in the Sanctuary area should also revert back to the Forest Department.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH )

S. RAY  
PRD/SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To  
The Exl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
The General Manager, South Central  
Railway, Secunderabad.

Copy to Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
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" Divisional Forest Officer,  
Wandyal.  
" ✓ Conservator of Forests, Kurnool.  
" SF/SC.  
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Section Officer

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