FORM - A

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by the State Government and other authorities (For Improvement of the existing Track to BT Standards)

PART-I (To be filled up by user agency) User Agency: Executive Engineer, (PR) PIU Division, Visakhapatnam

1. Project Details:		The total length of the proposed road from ZPP Road to Sirasaguda village of Araku Valley mandal is 5.75 km length with existing track surface.
(i)	Short narrative of the proposal and project/scheme for which the forest land is required.	Diversion of 2.38 ha. land for Formation & BT to the road including construction of Culverts from ZPP Road to Sirasaguda village of Araku Valley mandal through Lotheru Reserve forest, Comp. no. 473 in Visakhapatnam Division in favour of Executive Engineer, (PR) PIU Division, Visakhapatnam under FC Act 1980
		The road work sanctioned / approved by Ministry of rural development in PMGSY grant under phase X for Rs. 351.71 lakhs. The existing surface is earthen surface and it leads to a BT road and it is a shortest path to reach the mandal head quarters and the road serves total population of 816 (Borakalavalasa – 208, Kuriseela- 111, Thodubanda- 199, Sirasaguda - 298). As there is no proper transportation facilities the school going children are becoming Agricultural Labour. The basic occupation of the people in this area is Agriculture and is totally rain fed and collection and selling of forest produce. The main food crops are Paddy, ragi and vegetables like carrot, beans etc, and forest products like Tamarind, Honey, Pineapple, Jack fruits etc. The crop yielding is generally very good and needs to be transported to the nearest marketing center i.e. Araku Valley so as the formers shall get the better benefits and true value.
		This is the only road to provide medical aid to the people who are generally prone to Maleria and other general epidimics.
		The Project is for New Connectivity of the existing road from track to BT standards. Hence, Forest Clearance is needed for this road to
(ii)	Map showing required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50000 scale map.	upgrade to BT standards. Enclosed

(iii)	Cost of the Project.	Rs. 351.71 lakhs
(iv)	Justification for locating the project in forest area.	The villagers of Borakalavalasa, Kuriseela, Thodubanda and Sirasaguda reach the mandal head quarters Araku Valley with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through Reserve Forest Area for a length of 3391.38m. This is the only the shortest route for the people of four habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not playing on this road due to improper geometry and various streams crossing the road. The people are facing lot of problems to meet their needs of Education, Health and Transportation of Agricultural and forest produces etc,. Hence the road is proposed to upgrade to BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy.
(v)	Cost-Benefit analysis (to be enclosed)	The proposed road is to serve the habitations (Tribal) having a population of 816 members. It is required to bring this tribal population into normal civilization by providing this road. By laying this road, the poor tribes living in remote areas can transport the agriculture and forest Produce. There by the tribes will get benefited by getting better income and become better civilized.
(vi)	Employment likely to be generated.	Due to this road project, they will get employment directly by creating 21100 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.
2. Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required		The main purpose of the forest land is required for widening of the existing track and laying of BT Road. 3391.38m length of the road is passing through Lotheru reserve forest between Lotheru and Sirasaguda. Required total Right of way for Formation and Laying of BT Road is 7.00m including Construction of Culverts for 7.50mts width. For Culverts 6 nos (each culvert 4.0m length) Length of culverts 24.00m, Area required for culverts = 24x7.5 = 180 m2 For Road portion, (Length of the road—culverts length) =3391.38-24 =3367.38m Area required for road =3367.38 x7.00 = 23571.66 m2 Total Area required = 23751.66 m2 or 2.38 Ha. Hence an area of 2.38 hectares of forest land is
2.a. Compartment-Area-wise break-up of the total land Required		required. Lotheru RF in Ananthagiri Range, Comp.No. 473 For Road (3391.38-24) =3367.38 x7.00 = 23571.66 m2 For 6 nos Culverts (6x4.00m=24.00m)

3. De the pr	tails of displacement of people due to oject if any	
(i)	Number of Families.	
(ii)	Number of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribe families	NII NII
(iii)	Rehabilitation plan(to be enclosed)	NII
4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required? (Yes/no)		No
5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and / or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone, etc. as per the scheme prepared by the State Government (undertaking to be enclosed)		Enclosed
6. Details of certificates/ documents enclosed as required under the instructions		1) Map-1 showing the area applied for Formation of road (Authenticated Map) 2) Map-2 showing the surveyed sketch of the road. 3) Map-3 Map showing the road with reference forest block boundaries (SI Sheet). 4) Undertaking to bear the cost of trees 5) Certificates not to violate the provisions of forest conservation Act.

Signature of User Agency

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Visakhapatnam

Date: Visakhapatnam Place: 30-08-2014