

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To
The Prl. Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forest, Science
and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.No. EFS02-15034/82/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 08.01.2019.

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 3.28 Ha of forest land in Chintur Division for formation of road from Kothapalli to Nelakota in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Kakinada - Submission of processed proposal U/s-2 of F(C) Act, 1980- Reg.,

Ref:- 1. Proposals uploaded in the ministry's website No. FP /AP /ROAD /36017/2018.
2. PCCF 's Rc.No.EFS02 -15034/82/2018- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated : 01-08-2018.
3. CCF/CF, Rajamundry Rc. No. 4147/2017-D1, Dt. 27.12.2018.

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It is to submit that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU), Kakinada vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 3.28 Ha of forest land in Chintur Division for formation of road from Kothapalli to Nelakota in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Kakinada.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur Division vide reference 2nd cited for processing under F(C) Act, 1980 and amendments therein and submit the proposals through the concerned Conservator of Forests.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Rajamundry vide reference 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 3.28 Ha of forest land in Chintur Division for formation of road from Kothapalli to Nelakota in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Kakinada.

The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-I.

- An area of 3.28 Ha of forest land is required for formation & BT to the road including construction of Culverts from ZP road at Kothapalli to Nelakota (V), Chintur Division in f/o Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU), Kakinada.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 274.21 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers of Nelakota and Kothapalli to reach the mandal head quarters with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through Reserve Forest from Km 0/0 to 6/0 Km. This is the only shortest route for the people of above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying 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.
- The user agency has also certified that, no other alternative route than the proposed to avoid the forest area. The opted route is the best one to meet the needs of education, health and transportation of agricultural produce.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, Trees extraction charges etc.,.
- The area proposed for diversion is 3.28 Ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.

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- No human displacement involve due to construction of this project.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- The user agency has stated that, no Environment (Projection) Act, 1986 is required
- Employment likely to be generated is 15320 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur Division has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- An area of 3.28 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos. 12 & 191 in Vemularai RF and Vemulari Extn-I RFs, Lakkavaram Range, Chintur Division for formation and BT including Construction of culverts to the road from ZP road at Kothapally to Nelakota (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU), Kakinada.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is less than 0.10
- Legal Status of the forest is Vemularai RF is notified U/s 16 of Madras Forest Act vide G.O. Ms No. 437, Dt. 30.11.1934 & Vemularai Extn-I RF is notified U/s 15 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967 vide G.O. Ms. No. 428, F & RD (For.III) Dt. 09.09.1974.
- There is no tree felling involved along the length and width of proposed road.
- No forest area will be effected to erosion.
- The proposed road is passing through the various Reserve Forest areas of Lakkavaram Range.
- There are no rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- There are no protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land is proposed by the user agency is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur Division has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 12.11.2018 and stated that the proposed road was already existing as gravel road and used by the local villagers along back for passing small vehicles for their day to day movements. The proposed area falls under the Eco-class -III with Eco-value of Dense Forest. The existing flora in the proposed area are Dalberfia latifolia, Choloroxylon switenia, Albizzia odoratissima etc. The project is very useful for the local villagers to connect mandal Head Quarters. The required forest area is unavoidable for the project and due to this project there is no threat to the local flora, fauna and there is no archeological heritage importance in this locality.

- The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

In column No. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer has "Recommended" the proposal, as there is no loss to the local Flora and Fauna and the project is very useful to the remote tribal villages in Chintur mandal agency area.

In part -III, the Conservator of Forests, Rajamundry has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

In this regard it is to submit that the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.13.05.2011, 10.12.2012, 01.02.2013, 17.05.2013 & 15-02-2018 has accorded general approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure works to be carried out by Government Department in 117 LWE affected districts for diversion of forest land not more than 40.00 Ha in each case/activities as mentioned therein. In such cases, the State Government is empowered to accord permission, subject to the condition that the forest area is falling outside Protected Areas.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF, Gol New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.16.06.2011, no compensatory Afforestation is to be insisted on diversion of forest land upto 5.00 Ha, to be carried out by Govt. Dept. in the notified LWE Affected District. East Godhavari District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in East Godhavari District and the area proposed for diversion is 3.28 Ha, which is less than 5.00 Ha, as such equivalent non-forest land for CA is not required for this project.

The District Collector, East Godhavari District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format Annexure-I (Form-I) for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR) Act, 2006 is enclosed with the proposal.

Further, it is informed that as per the guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website (www.parivesh.nic.in) & a unique file number FP/AP/ ROAD/36017/2018 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Conservator of Forests, Rajamundry & Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 3.28 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 12 & 191 in Vemularai RF and Vemulari Extn-I RFs, Lakkavaram Range, Chintur Division for formation and BT including Construction of culverts to the road from ZP road at Kothapally to Nelakota (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU), Kakinada.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 3.28 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 12 & 191 in Vemularai RF and Vemulari Extn-I RFs, Lakkavaram Range, Chintur Division for formation and BT including Construction of culverts to the road from ZP road at Kothapally to Nelakota (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU), Kakinada duly recommended in Part-IV in duplicate is submitted herewith to accord Stage -I clearance under general approval category.

Encl - (2) sets of proposals

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

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for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)


10/11/19

PART-IV

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

Proposal for diversion of 3.28 Ha of FL in Chintor Division for
broadening of road from Kothapalli to Nelakota

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the state Forest Department for acceptance or 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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Place: Guntur

Date: 08.01.2019

Signature
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