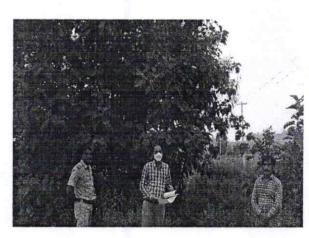
FIELD/SITE INSPECTION NOTES OF THE FOREST DIVISIONAL OFFICER, UTNOOR FDPT ON DIVERSION OF 2.120 HA FOREST LAND IN ECHODA (KTR) RANGE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM PR ROAD TO LACHAMPUR IN SIRCHELMA RF BLOCK OF UTNOOR (FDPT) DIVISION OF ADILABAD DISTRICT ON 04.11.2020.

As part of FCA clearance of road on 04.11.2020, I along with concerned Range staff inspected the proposed site for diversion of Forest land (Area 2.120 Ha, length 3.53275 Km, width 6.00 Mtrs) for Construction of Road from PR Road to Lachampur (V) in Sirchelma RF block according to DGPS survey map and as per the instructions from PCCF vide Prl. CCF, TS, Hyd. Rc.No.7368/2020-FCA2, Dt. 18-09-2020 the entry and exit points were checked and found to be correct.

The proposed area passes through along already existing track and the forest type is open forest of Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous with canopy density of 0.1. The soil type is black cotton soil with undulating terrain and also hilly at some portion which is moderately prone for soil erosion.

As per right of way the cart track existed prior to 1980 as per SOI topomap. The proposed road passes through small hillock and ends near point of Lachampur-B village.





The proposed area is falling in Compt.No.207,208 & 209/ Sirkonda, Rimma Beats/ Sirkonda Section/Echoda(KTR) Range/ Sirchelma Reserve Forest which is notified under section 15 of AP (Telangana area) Forest Act vide GO No. 49,Dt. 26th Aban 1354 F. The proposed diversion of forest area for Non forestry purpose i.e along the proposed track having no tree growth and enumeration of tree growth treated as nil.

Regarding the flora present in the area, the species commonly found are Terminelia tomentosa (Nallamaddi), Tectona grandis (Teak), Butea monosperma (Moduga), Boswellia serrata (Anduga) Terminalia Arjuna (Yerumaddi), Acacia arabica (Tumma), Holoptelia integrifolia (Nemalinara), Terminelia bellerica (Thani), Xylia xylocarpa (Tangedi) Cassia fistula (Rela), Cleistanthus collinus (Nallakodisha), Buchanania lonzan (Morri), Semecarpus anacardium (Jeedi), Terminelia chebula (Gotti), Bombax ceiba (Burugu), Babusa Arundaneshia (Bamboo) and Madhuca indica (Eppa). The fauna in the area majorly consist of Melursus ursines (Sloth Bear) Hysterix indica (Porcupine), Lepus nigricollis (Hare), Boselaphus tragocamulus (Nilgai), Tetracerus quadricornis (Fourhorned Antelope), Spotted deer (Axis axis), Šus scrofa (Wild boar), Pavo cristatus (Indian Peafowl) and Glaucidium radiatum (Jungle Owlet).

Regarding violations in the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, there is no violation in the proposed site of the project.

The said proposed area for diversion is the part of Kawal Tiger Reserve (Buffer area).

The said proposed area for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. There are no rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the forest area proposed for diversion. There are no protected Archaeological/Heritage site/Defence establishment or any other important monument in the forest area proposed for diversion.

The proposed widening of existing road is passing through interior forest area and the surrounding areas covering with good flora and fauna and the road dead end with the village Lachampur. This route has no alternatives and necessary in view of the interior location of the connecting villages.

Hence this project requires barest minimum forest area of 2.120 Ha, with the total length of 3.53275 Km and width of 6.00 Mtrs in Reserve Forest area.

The project is intended to connect many interior tribal villages. The road connectivity improves the standard of life of the interior tribes and facilitates to transport agricultural produce to the nearest market centres.

Thus, this road for widening and formation of BT road is recommended (2.120 Ha area) based on the field conditions and future impact.

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