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Specific Recommendation of the DFO.

As stated by the user agency the proposed Railway Doubling line with Electrification between Guntur & Guntakal Stations is vital rail to connect the Coastal Region with Rayalaseema, Karnataka and Tamilnadu. The Government of India has granted this line to provide seamless transportation and ease the congestion on the existing single track. It caters the traffic potential arised due to new Capital City on Visakhapatnam/ Vijayawada side to the people of Rayalaseema for passenger and transportation of Goods traffic i.e., Cement, Coal & Paddy. In addition to that it improves connectivity from Eastern India to Bangalore, the Silicon Valley of India. The Doubling works between Guntur – Guntakal proposed to be taken up in Forest area between Giddalur and Nandyal which is passing through Nallamala Forest. A proposed railway doubling line along with two Tunnels of length 1550m and 320m (Bogada and Chelama Tunnels) shall also be constructed which requires permission for carrying out Construction activities under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Commissioning of this doubling line would result in decongestion of traffic with seamless transportation and ease the congestion on single line track. The proposed doubling line will also reduce the speed of trains (due to decongestion) and thus it may reduce mortality cases of wild animals due to accidents by trains caused due to high speed movement. The proposed doubling line has aligned along the existing railway track within available railway land boundaries as far as possible to minimize the extent of forest land diversion/ acquisition. Hence, the user agency stated that there is no other alternate route to this alignment and hence the doubling line is proposed parallel to the existing railway track passing through this Forest Corridor.

Hence, the above project is recommended, subject to fulfillment of the various mitigation measures proposed in the mitigation plan at the cost of the user agency.

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