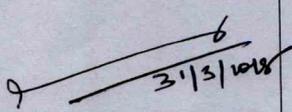


PART - IV

(to be filled by the Nodal officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest department)

13.	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).	Proposal for diversion of 20.020 Ha of Forest Land in Chennur Forest Division for widening of Single Lane road to Double Lane road improvement of Chennur-Vemanapally road in Mancherial District in favour of E-in-C (R&B), State Roads & CRN, Hyd is <u>recommended</u>
	Date: 31/03/2018. Place Hyderabad.	 Signature Name & Designation (Official seal) P. K. JHA, IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Telangana State - Hyderabad-500 004.

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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From:
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Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
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To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Environment, Forests, Science
& Technology Department,
Govt. of Telangana,
Hyderabad (TS), 500029.

Rc.No.17893/2015-FCA2, Dated.31.03.2018.

Sir,

Sub: TSFD – FC Act, 1980 – diversion of 20.020 Ha of Forest Land in Chennur Forest Division - for widening of Single Lane road to Double Lane road improvement of Chennur- Vemanapally road from Km 6/5 to 31/125 in Adilabad District- in favour of E-in-C (R&B), State Roads & CRN, Hyd-
submission of processed proposal – Reg.

Ref: 1. CF & FDPT, KTR Circle, Nirmal Rc.No.2057/2017/D1, dt.15.02.2018.
2. CF, Adilabad Ref.No.3091/2016/M6, dt.20.03.2018.

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It is to submit that the Conservator of Forests & FDPT, KTR Circle, Nirmal in the reference 1st cited has submitted processed proposal for diversion of 20.020 Ha of Forest Land in Chennur Forest Division - for widening of Single Lane road to Double Lane road improvement of Chennur- Vemanapally road from Km 6/5 to 31/125 in Adilabad District.

Details of the proposal are as follows:

I- The User Agency has furnished following information on Part-I:

- 20.02 Ha of Forest Land is required for widening of single land road to double lane connecting mandal headquarters to District Head Quarters of Chennur – Vemanapally Road.
- The existing surface is single lane BT surface and it leads to Mandal HQs and the same is proposed for widening to double lane road.
- Cost of the project is Rs.3130.00 Lakhs.
- Regarding justification for locating the project in forest area, it has been informed that that the surrounding villages will reach the Mandal HQs Kothapally and Vemanapally with shortest path by this road, the existing road passes through the reserve forest area from Km 6/5 to 11/9 and from 16/6 to 22/9. This is the only shortest road and by widening and improving this road the public can transport agricultural and forest products to the nearby Market centre at Chennur and improve their standard of living.
- Purpose wise break-up of forest land required for diversion is as follow:

Length of the road passing through RF	11.572 Km
Road proposed for widening including the existing road width is	17.3 M
Forest land required for diversion is 11.572 * 17.3 M =	20.02 Ha.

- The project does not involve displacement of people.
- Clearances under Environment Protection Act, 1986 is not required.

II- The Forest Divisional Officer, Chennur has furnished the following information in Part-II and field inspection notes as follows:

- User Agency has proposed for diversion of **20.02 Ha** of Forest Land in Chennur Reserve Forest which is notified U/s-15 of Hyderabad / Madras Forest Act vide GO Ms No. 234/235, dt.30.01.1349F:
- Regarding density of vegetation it has been informed as open forest with 0.4.
- No scope for soil erosion due to the proposed project.
- Species wise and diameter class wise abstract of the trees to be felled in the forest area proposed for diversion is enclosed. As per the statement, 2531 No of trees are falling in the area in question.

- There is no Protected Archaeological/Heritage Site/Defense Establishment or any Other Important Monument is located in the forest area proposed to be diverted.
- The area proposed for diversion is not falling in National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor etc.,
- The forest land proposed for diversion by User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum.
- Inspection notes of Forest Divisional Officer, Chennur are enclosed with the proposals.

Information on violation of work carried out:

- Work in violation of Act is carried out in the forest area proposed for diversion to an extent of 9.93 Ha out of the total proposed forest area of 20.02 Ha.
- The work in violation is carried out in the month of March-2017 in Kotapally Range from Palavagu to Kotapally over a length of 5.39 Km and a show cause notice was issued to User Agency vide FDO, Chennur Ref.No.3588/2016/S2B, dt.06.04.2017, for which reply is still awaited.
- In Neelwai Range, the road widening work was started from Mallampet Village and the UA has excavated earth to a width of 2.0 M all along one side of the existing road over a length of 3.0 Km out of the proposed length of 6.179 Km.
- Hence, the FDO has prepared penal CA over double the extent of forest area utilized in violation 19.86 Ha in degraded forest land. The scheme is prepared with a financial outlay of Rs.1,12,55,641/- with 10 years maintenance.

Recommendations of FDO in Part-II:

The FDO has recommended the project in Part-II.

III- Recommendations of CF:

The CF has recommended the project in Part-III.

IV- Information on RoFR Act:

The District Collector, Mancheril District vide Lr.No.B3/1237/2017, dt.05.09.2017 has issued certificate in the prescribed format in Form-I for forest land proposed for diversion to an extent of 20.02 Ha, which are accompanied with resolution of Sub-Divisional Level Committee and Gramsabha resolutions.

V- Information on CA lands:

(a) Compensatory Afforestation on non-forest land and degraded forest land to meet the requirement of planting 1000 plants / Ha

- Non-forest land to an extent of **20.02 Ha** has been identified for Compensatory Afforestation in Sy.No.95/1 of Sungapur Village of Tiryani Mandal. The identified non-forest falls under the jurisdiction of the Forest Divisional Officer, Asifabad Division.
- The CF, Adilabad vide ref 2nd cited has submitted CA scheme proposals.
- The FDO, Asifabad has informed that the identified non-forest land is adjacent to Tiryani RF and free from encroachments and is in a compact block. The land is having 0.5 to 0.6 density with good vegetation and is a hillock with rocky terrain and proposed not to take up any plantations activities in the said area. However, the FDO has proposed to take up operations erecting of boundary pillars, digging of CPT, and SMC works i.e., coppicing and singling of the existing valuable species like long rotation high value timber species etc., and by taking up cultural operations and fire management works.
- In addition to the above, the FDO has prepared CA scheme in degraded forest land to an extent of 20.02 in Compt.No.407 of Kunggavelly RF to meet the requirement of planting minimum 1000 plants / Ha, of diverted land.
- CA scheme for non-forest land and degraded forest land is prepared with a financial outlay of **Rs.2,51,42,400/-** with 10 years maintenance, taking the starting year from 2018-19.
- CA scheme proposals have been enclosed with the proposal.
- Map of the non-forest land identified for CA and also the degraded forest land identified for CA duly attested by the FDO and UA is furnished.

(b) Compensatory Afforestation on degraded forest land over the double the extent of forest land utilized in violation.

- Work in violation of Act is carried out in the forest area proposed for diversion to an extent of **9.93 Ha** out of the total proposed forest area of 20.02 Ha.

- As per para-4.3-ii of the guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Penal Compensatory Afforestation to be imposed over the area worked/used in violation. However, it is decided to propose CA in double the extent of forest land utilized in violation in degraded forest land.
- Hence, the FDO has prepared penal CA over double the extent of forest area utilized in violation 19.86 Ha in degraded forest land. The scheme is prepared with a financial outlay of **Rs.1,12,55,641/-** with 10 years maintenance.

Details of CA land proposed in Non-forest land and degraded forest land as well as for penal CA is given below:

SL. No.	Details of CA Land	Financial outlay	Remarks
1(a)	20.02 Ha has been identified for Compensatory Afforestation in Sy.No.95/1 of Sungapur Village of Tiryani Mandal	Rs.2,51,42,400/-	Having good forest growth. ANR proposed. Hence, to meet the requirement of planting minimum 1000 plants / Ha of diverted land. Degraded forest land is proposed for Compensatory Afforestation in addition to non-forest CA land.
1(b)	In degraded forest land to an extent of 20.02 in Compt.No.407 of Kuncgavelly RF		
2	19.86 Ha of degraded forest land in Compt.No. 6 and 7 of Somanpally Section of Chennur Range.	Rs.1,12,55,641/-	Penal CA in double the extent of forest area utilized in violation.

VI- Applicability of Rules and Guidelines:

This proposal doesn't come under the category of General Approval, as the area proposed for diversion is more than 5.00 ha. Hence, UA has submitted details of non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation to be handed over to Forest Department in lieu of diversion applied for the project.

Recently, MoEF&CC GoI New Delhi vide Ir.dt.29.01.2018 has **issued detailed & common guidelines to be followed for dealing the cases involving violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980**. The violation caused in this project, falls under Category - B of the said guidelines.

In view of the above, the statutory proposals along with necessary enclosures with due recommendations of undersigned in Part-IV are submitted herewith in triplicate for onward submission to Regional Office, MoEF&CC, GoI, Chennai for according necessary approval for the project duly considering the case with reference to the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC GoI New Delhi vide Ir.dt.29.01.2018.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- P.K.JHA,
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests.
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Mancherial & Komarambheem- Asifabad Districts / Forest Divisional Officer, Chennur and Asifabad for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests & FDPT, KTR Circle, Nirmal & Conservator of Forests, Adilabad for information and necessary action.

Copy to Superintending Engineer, R&B Regional Office, Adilabad & Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Mancherial for information and necessary action.

Copy to Engineer-In-Chief (R&B), State Roads & CRN, Erramanzil, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Collector & District Magistrate, Mancherial for information and necessary action.

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Jan 4 2018
Superintendent.