

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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

Rc.No. EFS02-15034/26/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 10-12-2018.

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - - Proposal for diversion of 4.38 Ha of forest land in Vizianagaram Division for construction of road from Karakavalasa to Marika in f/o EE, PR(PIU), Vizianagaram - 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/12568/2018.  
2. PCCF's Rc.No.EFS02-15034/26/2018- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated : 01-08-2018.  
3. CCF/CF, Visakhapatnam Rc. No. 3434/2017/TO(I), dated : 15.11.2018.

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It is informed that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU), Vizianagaram Division, vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 4.38 Ha of forest land in Vizianagaram Division for construction of road from Karakavalasa to Marika in f/o EE, PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.

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

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 4.38 Ha of forest land in Vizianagaram Division for construction of road from Karakavalasa to Marika in f/o EE, PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.

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

- An area of 4.38 Ha of forest land is required for formation & BT to the road including construction of Culverts from karakavalas road to marika (V) of Vepada (M) through of Marika RL, Vizianagaram Division.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 500 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers of Marika to reach the mandal head quarters Vepada with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through Reserve Forest the road from 1/476 to 7/276. This is the only shortest route for the people of above habitations. 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 4.38 Ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- 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 240000 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.

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

- An area of 4.38 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos. 268,276 & 277 for formation of road from Karakavalasa to Marika of Vepada (M), Vizianagaram Division in f/o EE PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is Tropical Dry deciduous and Tropical Moist deciduous / Crown density about 0.1 to 0.4
- Marika RF is notified u/s 15 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967.
- There are no trees falling along the width of the proposed road.
- There is no vulnerability of forest area to erosion, as the area is having plain to gentle slope.
- The proposed road is passing in the Midst of the Marika Reserved Forest.
- The said proposed area does not fall as part of National Park / Wildlife sanctuary / Biosphere reserve. The nearest Wildlife sanctuary is Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary at a distance of 60 Kms.
- 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 Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram Division has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 15-10-2018 and stated that, the said proposed road is kutchra road and utilizing by the villagers in and around for their day to day movement. The villagers of Marika are very much need of this road for their day to day movement to hospitals, Schools for their children and marketing their Agricultural products. This is an essential for the movement of all the Departments to extend the Government activities to all the Tribals to bring them in the main stream.

In column No. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer has "Recommended" the proposal, as there is not much loss to Flora and Fauna and also the formation of the road, to the interior place to facilitate, conveyance to the local Tribals with no disturbance to the Environment.

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram 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. Vizianagaram District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in Vizianagaram District and the area proposed for diversion is 4.38 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, Vizianagaram 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](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)) & a unique file number FP/AP/ ROAD/12568/2018 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam & Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 4.38 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 268,276 & 277 for formation of road from Karakavalasa to Marika of Vepada (M), Vizianagaram Division in f/o EE PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 4.38 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 268,276 & 277 for formation of road from Karakavalasa to Marika of Vepada (M), Vizianagaram Division in f/o EE PR(PIU), Vizianagaram Division duly recommended in Part-IV in duplicate is submitted herewith to accord Stage -I clearance under general approval category.

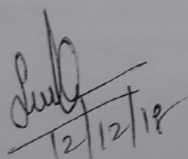
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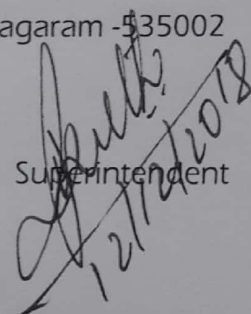
Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi,  
Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram for information and necessary action.

Copy to Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU), ZP Compound, Vizianagaram -535002 for information and necessary action.

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Superintendent  
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Proposal for diversion of 4.38 Ha of FL in Vizianagaram to

PART-IV

Formation of road from Kavakavalasa to Manikg

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

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendations of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks (while giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator for Forests or Deputy Conservator for Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon)	Recommended
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Date

Place

Guntur

Signature

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