

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. 11162/2017/FCA-3, Dated : 06-06-2018.

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 4.46 Ha of forest land in Paderu Division for formation of road from P. Kodapalli to PL road via Urugonda (V), Paderu Division in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu 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/33184/2018.

2. PCCF's Rc. No. 11162/2017/FCA-3, dated: 03-05-2018.

3. CCF, Visakhapatnam Rc. No. 1926/2018/TO, dated : 28-05-2018.

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It is informed that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PRI+PIU), Paderu vide ref. 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 4.46 Ha of forest land in Paderu Division for formation of road from P. Kodapalli to PL road via Urugonda (V), Paderu Division in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu division vide ref. 2nd 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 ref. 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 4.46 Ha of forest land in Paderu Division for formation of road from P. Kodapalli to PL road via Urugonda (V), Paderu Division in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu.

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

- An area of 4.46 Ha of forest land is required in Sirasapally RF of Paderu Division for formation & BT to the road including construction of culverts from P. Kodapalli to P.L. Road via Urugonda (V) in f/c EE, PR (PIU), Paderu.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 793.00 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers of P. Kodapalli, Lamdala, Urugonda, Donela, Bontrothuputta, Baridiputtu, Bonugujangi, Kinchuru, Totalag, Ondi, Cheedimetta, Lampilli, Gondeli to reach the mandal head quarters Paderu with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through RF in various reaches in the road from 0/0 to 20/400 Kms. This is the only shortest route of the above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not playing 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 4.46 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 28,700 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.

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

- An area of 4.46 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos. 297,298,301,302,303,304 & 309 of Sirasapalli RF, Paderu Division for formation & BT to the road including construction of culverts from P. Kodapalli to PL road via Urugonda in Paderu Division in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0
- Regarding brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it has been stated that, the area is plain to moderated slope and there is no scope of soil erosion as the proposed road area elevation is higher than the forest area and it is passing through in the center of the RF occupies very little area. Hence the vulnerability of erosion and its effect on the forest is negligible.
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is the proposed road is passing within the Reserve Forest area. The proposed site for diversion is on the fringe of the RF boundary.
- Regarding rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area it is stated that, 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.
- Regarding any work in violation of the Act has been carried out, it has been stated that, the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 11-05-2018 and stated that, there is no tree growth is existing on the proposed B.T. road except some misc. growth like Eupatorium, Lantana and thorny growth along the road then and there. The proposed road was earlier formed by the local villagers long back for their day to day movements for passing small vehicles operating on this road for the movement of their children to schools and going to hospitals and to trade their NTFP products. This road is prioritized by the Police Department to maintain Law and order in the villages easily as the District falls in LWE District.

- 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 "Accepted" the proposal as there is not much loss to flora and fauna, and this facilitates the conveyance to the local tribes with a barest minimum 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, Paderu 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. Visakhapatnam District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in Visakhapatnam District and the area proposed for diversion is 4.46 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, Visakhapatnam District have 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.forestclearance.nic.in) & a unique file number FP/AP/ ROAD/33184/2018 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, Paderu Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 4.46 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 297,298,301,302,303,304 & 309 of Sirasapalli RF, Paderu Division for formation & BT to the road including construction of culverts from P. Kodapalli to PL road via Urugonda in Paderu Division in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 4.46 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 297,298,301,302,303,304 & 309 of Sirasapalli RF, Paderu Division for formation & BT to the road including construction of culverts from P. Kodapalli to PL road via Urugonda in Paderu Division in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu duly recommended in Part-IV is furnished herewith in triplicate to accord Stage-I approval.

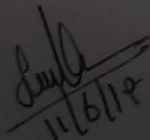
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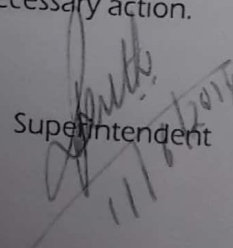
Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.
(Head of Forest Force)(FAC)

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

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Superintendent
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PART-IV

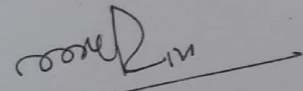
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17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendations of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks (while giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator for Forests or Deputy Conservator for Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon)	Recommended
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Date 06.06.2018

Place Guntur

Signature



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