

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi.

Rc.no.EFS02-15034/11/2018/FCA SEC- PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:29.02.2020.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 1.42 ha. of forest land in compartment no. 1241,1242 & 1581 of Dharakonda RF and Lammasingi -I RF, Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Lamasingi to Gadigoyyi road in f/o EE, PIU(PR)Division, Visakhapatnam- Submission of proposals processed under F(C)Act, 1980 - Clearance under Section-2 of F(C)Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.

- Ref:-**
1. Online proposal no. FP/AP/ ROAD/39129/2019, dated: 25.02.2019.
 2. PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur Rc.no. EFS02 -15034/11/2019-FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 17.04.2019.
 3. Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Rc. no. 1639(E)/2018/TO, dated: 01.06.2019.
 4. PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur Rc.no. EFS02 -15034/11/2019-FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 28.06.2019.
 5. Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Rc. no. 1639(E)/2018/TO, dated: 23.09.2019.

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It is to submit that, the Executive Engineer, PIU (Panchayat Raj) Division, Visakhapatnam in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 1.42 ha. of forest land in Compartment no. 1241,1242 & 1581 of Dharakonda RF and Lammasingi-I RF respectively in Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Lamasingi to Gadigoyyi road in f/o EE, PIU(PR)Division, Visakhapatnam.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division in the reference 2nd cited for processing under F(C) Act, 1980 and amendments therein and submit the proposals through the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the reference 5th cited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 1.42 ha. of forest land in compartment no. 1241,1242 & 1581 of Dharakonda RF and Lammasingi-I RF respectively in Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Lamasingi to Gadigoyyi road in f/o EE, PIU (PR)Division, Visakhapatnam, processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 1.42 ha. is required in Compartment no. 1241, 1242 & 1581 in Dharakonda RF and Lambasingi -I RF respectively in Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT including construction of culverts to the road from Lambasingi to Gaddigoyyi in Chinthapalli Mandal in f/o EE PIU, (PR) Division, Visakhapatnam.
- The road work was sanctioned / approved by Ministry of Rural Development in PMGSY grant under Police Blocks.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹109.61 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the villagers of Gaddigoyyi to reach the Mandal headquarters Chinthapalli with shortest path by providing this road. The existing road passes through Reserve Forest to a length of 2360 m. This

is the only the shortest route for the people of two habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying on this road due to improper geometry and various streams crossing the road and people are facing problems to meet their needs of Education, Health and Transportation of Agriculture 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 certified that, there is no other alternative route than the proposed.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, Tree extraction charges etc.
- Cost benefit analysis does not arise, as the area proposed for diversion is 1.42 ha.
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities is involved in this project.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.
- Employment likely to be generated directly by creating 25000 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, nearby habitants are benefited.

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

- Forest land to an extent of 1.42 ha. is required in Compartment no. 1241, 1242 & 1581 in Dharakonda RF and Lambasingi -I RF respectively in Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT including construction of culverts to the road from Lambasingi to Gaddigoyya in Chinthapalli Mandal in f/o EE PIU, (PR) Division, Visakhapatnam.
- Legal Status of the forest is Lambasingi -I RF notified under Section-4 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967 and Dharakonda RF notified under Section-15 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967.
- The density of the forest in the nearby vicinity of the proposed road is about 0.6.
- No trees are existing in the proposed width of the road.
- No vulnerability of the forest area to erosion
- The proposed road is passing through the Reserve Forest.
- There are no rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land 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, Narsipatnam Division has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 04.05.2019 and stated that, the length of the proposed road is 2,360 m. with a proposed width of 6.00m. There is already an existing old cart road / Pathway of width about 5 to 6 m. The density in the nearby vicinity is about 0.6 and there is no trees existing in the proposed width of the road. The proposed road is essential to tribal villages / hamlets for their connectivity and

essential services like medical facilities, education, marketing of agricultural produce etc.

Accordingly, In column No. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has "Recommended" the proposal.

In part -III, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam and "Recommended" the proposal for diversion of forest land.

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, GoI, New Delhi in the 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. The certificate is enclosed with the proposal.

Further, it is to submit that as per the guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) & a unique proposal number FP/AP/ ROAD/39129/2019 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam have recommended the proposal for diversion of 1.42 ha. in Compartment no. 1241, 1242 & 1581 in Dharakonda RF and Lambasingi -I RF respectively in Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT including construction of culverts to the road from Lambasingi to Gaddigoyyi in Chinthapalli Mandal in f/o Executive Engineer, PIU(PR) Division, Visakhapatnam.

In this regard it is to submit that, as per Chapter 4.4 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF &CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the subject project falls under general approval category of Public Infrastructure works in LWE Districts as notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time. The District i.e. Visakhapatnam in which the subject project falls, is LWE District as notified in Ministry of Home Affairs F.No.II-18015/68/2014-LWE-III, dt. 14.04.2018.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF, GoI New Delhi vide File no. FC-11/115/2019-FC, dt.13.09.2019, Compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 5.00 ha. with less than 50 trees per ha. Accordingly, for the subject project Compensatory Afforestation is not required, as the forest land proposed for diversion is 1.42 ha., which is less than 5.00 ha.


In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 1.42 ha. in Compartment no. 1241, 1242 & 1581 in Dharakonda RF and Lambasingi -I RF respectively in Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT including construction of culverts to the road from Lambasingi to Gaddigoyyi in Chinthapalli Mandal in f/o Executive Engineer, PIU (PR) Division, Visakhapatnam duly recommended in Part-IV is submitted herewith.

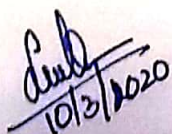
The Government are therefore request to accord clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 under LWE districts general approval category, at the earliest.

Encl: (2) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests 19/03/2020
(Head of Forest Force)


10/3/2020

PART-IV

Diversion of 1.42 ha. of forest land in compartment no. 1241,1242 & 1581 of Dharakonda RF and Lammasingi -I RF, Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Lamasingi to Gadigoyyi road in f/o EE, PIU(PR)Division, Visakhapatnam.

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 of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon)	Recommended
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Date: 29-2-2020

Place: Guntur

Signature

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