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**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, Guntur district.

Rc.no.EFS02-15034/14/2019/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 11/03/2022.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 5.92 ha of forest land in Narsipatnam
- Division for formation of road from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in
favour of EE ,PR(PIU), Visakhapatnam - Submission of proposal under
F(C) Act, 1980 - Forest Clearance under Section-2 of F(C) Act, 1980-
Requested - Reg.

Ref: 1. Online proposal no FP/AP/ROAD/37597/2018.
- 2. PCCF & HoFF , A.P, Guntur Rc. no. EFS02-15034/14/2019- FCA SEC-
PCCF /FCA-3, dated: 22.02.2019.
3. CCF, Visakhapatnam Rc. no. 4701/2020/TO, dated: 25.02.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 5.92 ha of forest land in Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in favour of EE ,PR(PIU), Visakhapatnam

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam in the reference 3rd cited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 5.92 ha of forest land in Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in favour of EE,PR(PIU), Visakhapatnam and processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 5.92 ha is required in Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in favour of EE ,PR(PIU), Visakhapatnam under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- The road work sanctioned / approved by Ministry of rural development in PMGSY grant under Phase XI in RCPLWEA Batch -I for 73400 lakh.
- The User Agency has justified that, the buses and commercial vehicles are

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not plying 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.,

- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, tree extraction charges etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 5.92 ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- Employment likely to be generated is directly by creating 24000 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

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

- Forest land to an extent of 5.92 ha is required in Chintapalli Range, Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Yerrabanda of Chintapalli (M) to Sarabhannapalem of Koyyuru (M) in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- Legal status of the forest is Dharakonda & Dharakonda Extn. 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 0.8.
- 176 no. of Non-teak trees existing in the proposed width of the Road.
- There is no vulnerability of forest area to erosion.
- The proposed road is passing through the Reserved Forest area.
- No rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the 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 unavoidable 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 has inspected the area proposed for diversion of forest land on 04.05.2019. The proposed road is passing through compartment no.1231, 1232 & 1236 of Dharakonda and Dharakonda Extn-RFs in

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Sarabannapalem Beat, Rompula Section of Chintapalli Range. There is already an existing cart road / pathway of width about 5 to 6 m. Site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam is enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part-II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has **“Recommended”** the proposal, as the proposed road is essential to tribal villages / hamlets for their connectivity and essential services like medical facilities , education, marketing of agricultural product etc.

Further as per para 2.3 of Chapter-2 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F. No. 5-2/2017, FC, dated: 28.03.2019, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Paderu has identified Non-Forest Land over an extent of 25.520 ha in Sy. no. 418-P of Kommika (V), Koyyuru Mandal, Visakhapatnam District for all the following (9) road proposals which includes the present proposal for CA purpose to have single patch and to enable the Forest Department to effectively manage the newly planted area.

Sl. no.	Name of the Road Proposal	Forest area proposed for diversion (in ha)	CA land identified in Sy. no. 418-P of Kommika (V), Koyyuru (M), Visakhapatnam District as single patch (in ha).
1	Gompam to Bobbampadu	2.21	2.210
2	Pachinapalli road to Sampangiputtu	1.68	1.680
3	Yerrabanda to Block boundary (Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem)	5.92	5.920
4	Sapparla to Gollapalli	6.53	6.530
5	Paderu Waddadi R & B road to Konam via Poolabanda	2.65	2.650
6	Nerellabanda to Sagulu via Yerracheruvulu	1.23	1.230
7	Munagarapalli to Vanchula	2.34	2.340
8	Nimmalapadu - Bongija road to Lungaparathi	1.54	1.540
9	Lambasingi to Gadigoyye	1.42	1.420
Total		25.52	25.52

As per para 2.8 of Chapter-2 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F.No. 5-2/2017, FC, dated: 28.03.2019, the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam **has prepared CA Scheme proposals for 25.52 ha (single patch involving CA area for 9 projects) with the financial outlay of Rs.124.77 lakh. Out of 9 projects, the CA scheme for the subject proposal of 5.92 ha is arrived on proportionate basis is Rs.28.94 lakh for a period from 2022-23 to 2033-**

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34 with 10 years maintenance in the non-forest land identified by the User Agency in Sy. no. 418-P of Kommika (V), Koyyuru (M), Visakhapatnam District for Compensatory Afforestation. The CA Scheme, authenticate map of NFL for CA purpose and other related certificates are submitted herewith.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has inspected the area proposed for CA on 14.02.2022. Site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam and soil suitability certificate are enclosed herewith.

The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps of non-forest land identified for CA are furnished with the proposal.

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of 5.92 ha forest land.

In Part-IV, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh has **“Recommended”** the Proposal for diversion of 5.92 ha of forest land for formation of road from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam.

As per Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F. no. 5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019, under RoFR Act, 2006, the user agency has uploaded the RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam District in the prescribed format 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.

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 no. **FP/AP/ROAD/37597/2018** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Nodal Officer(FCA), Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam have recommended the proposal for diversion of 5.92 ha of forest land in compartment no.1231, 1232 & 1236 of Dharakonda and Dharakonda Extn. RFs, Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in favour of Executive Engineer , Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 5.92 ha of forest land in compartment no.1231, 1232 & 1236 of Dharakonda and Dharakonda Extn. RFs, Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in favour of Executive Engineer , Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam duly recommended in Part-IV, subject to the conditions stipulated in GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in F. no.5-2/2017 (FC Division) Dt. 28.03.2019 is submitted herewith.

Government are requested to take necessary action for onward submission of the proposal to Government of India, MoEF &CC, IRO, Vijayawada to accord

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forest clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments therein.

Encl:- (2) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
N Prateep Kumar Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada for information.

Signed by N Prateep Kumar

Ifs

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PART-IV

Diversion of 5.92 ha of forest land in compartment no.1231, 1232 & 1236 of Dharakonda and Dharakonda Extn. RFs, Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Yerrabanda to Sarabannapalem in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) 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:11/03/2022

Place : Guntur

Signature

Name:Anand Kumar Jha

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A.K. JHA
Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer

Signed by Anand Kumar Jha

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