

**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. EFS02-15034/134/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 15.05.2019.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 3.18 Ha of forest land in Compt. No 998 of Krishnapuram RL, Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Pachanapalli to Gemmeli in f/o EE, PR (PIU) Division, 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/37757/2018.
 2. PCCF 's Rc. No. EFS02 -15034/134/2018- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 22.12.2018.
 3. EE, PR (PRI+PIU), Paderu Rc. No. 31/2015/AE/DB/dated: 27.12.2018.
 4. PCCF 's Rc. No. EFS02 -15034/134/2018- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated : 05.01.2019.
 5. CF , Visakhapatnam Rc. No. 159/2019/TO, dated: 21.02.2019

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It is to submit that, the Executive Engineer, PIU, Panchayat Raj Division, Paderu vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 3.18 Ha of forest land in Compt. No 998 of Krishnapuram RL, Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Pachanapalli to Gemmeli in f/o EE, PR (PIU) Division, Paderu.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division vide reference 4th 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 5th cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 3.18 Ha of forest land in Compt. No 998 of Krishnapuram RL, Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Pachanapalli to Gemmeli in f/o EE, PR (PIU) Division, Paderu.

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

- An area of 3.18 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. No 998 of Krishnapuram RL, Narsipatnam Division for formation of road from Pachanapalli to Gemmeli in f/o EE, PR (PIU) Division, Paderu.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 146.92 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers of Ramchandrapalem, Vindulapanuku and Pachanapalli reach the mandal head quarters G. Madugula with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through Reserve forest in various reaches in the road from 0/0 to 4/400 Kms. This is the only shortest route for the people of above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are 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., 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 3.18 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 (Protection) Act, 1986 is required
- Employment likely to be generated is 7942 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.

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

- An area of 3.18 Ha of forest land is required for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Pachanapalli to Gemmilli of G. Madugula (M) passing through Krishnapuram RL of Chintapalli Range, Narsipatnam Division in favour of Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Paderu.
- Legal Status of the forest is Krishnapuram RL is notified U/s 4 of A.P., Forest Act, 1967.
- The density of the forest in the nearby vicinity of the proposed road is about 0.6
- There are no trees falling along the width of the proposed road.
- The area is no vulnerability of 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.
- 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 Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam Division has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 05.02.2019 and stated that there is already an existing cart road/pathway of width about 5.00 to 6.00 m. There are no trees to be removed/permited to removed for laying the proposed road. The proposed road is recommended as it is essential to the people in tribal villages/ hamlets for their connectivity and essential services like medical facilities. Education. Marketing of agricultural produce etc.

- 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 “Recommended” the proposal, as it is essential to the people in tribal villages/ hamlets for their connectivity and essential services like medical facilities, education, marketing of agricultural produce etc.

In part –III, the Chief Conservator of Forests / 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.

In this regard it is to submit that the MoEF, GoI, 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 3.18 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 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) & a unique file number FP/AP/ ROAD/37757/2018 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, Narsipatnam Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 3.18 Ha of forest land in Krishnapuram RL, Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Pachanapalli to Gemmilli of G. Madugula (M) in favour of Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Paderu

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 3.18 Ha of forest land in Krishnapuram RL, Narsipatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Pachanapalli to Gemmilli of G. Madugula (M) in favour of Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Paderu duly recommended in Part-IV in duplicate is submitted herewith with a request to accord Stage -I clearance under general approval category.

Encl - (2) sets of proposals

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

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for Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)


16/5/19

PART-IV

proposal for diversion of 3.18 Ha. of PL for formation of road from Pachamapalle
(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of

Forest Department)
to Committee in
Camp. NO. 998 of Krishnapuram RL, in Nampipatna Division

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 15.05.2019

Place Guntur

Signature

Name

Official Seal

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