

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology
Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,

Ref.No.EFS02-15034/6/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
Dated:28/11/2021.

Sir,

Sub	APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 11.30 ha of Forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of EE, R&B, Rajamahendravaram – Submission of proposal under F(C) Act, 1980 – Clearance under Section-2 of F(C)Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.
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Ref:

1. Online proposal No. FP/AP/ROAD/37018/2018.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P. Guntur Rc. No. EFS02 -15034/6/2018- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated:11.03.2019.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Rc. No. 3497/2019-D1, dated: 09.07.2021.
4. Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Rc. No. 2570/2021/TO, dated: 29.09.2021.

It is to inform that, in the reference 1st cited, the Executive Engineer , (R&B) Division, Rajamahendravaram has uploaded proposal in the Ministry's web portal for diversion of 11.30 ha of Forest land (i.e., 6.58 ha in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of EE, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry and the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the references 3rd and 4th cited have processed the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and submitted the proposal for diversion of 11.30 ha of Forest land (i.e., 6.58 ha in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of EE, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.

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

- Forest area to an extent of 11.30 ha is required (i.e. 6.58 ha in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of EE, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.

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- The road work sanctioned / approved by RCPLWEA Scheme under PMGSY Grant of ₹. 1232.24 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the road from Y. Ramavaram – Pothavaram is a major District Road in Addateegala (M) and connects villages Yerlagadda Ramavaram, Kothapakalu, Pillalaputa and M. Bhimavaram. The newly proposed road is only way to reach mandal head quarter Y. Ramavaram (U). The existing earthen road passes through Reserve Forest in between 0/00 to 15/200 km. This is the shortest route for the people of above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not passing on this road due to improper geometry and various problems. The villagers are facing difficulties to meet their needs of education, health and transportation of Agriculture and Forest produces etc. Hence, a new formation of road is proposed with BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy.
- The user agency has furnished undertaking for payment of CA, NPV, Addl. NPV, tree extraction charges and also for avenue plantations etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 11.30 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.
- Direct employment likely to be generated due to this road project is 15320 man days for a period of one year, and also the nearby habitants would benefited indirectly.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

District Forest Officer, Kakinada has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- The part of the proposed road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram is passing through Dummukonda RF in Compartment Nos.136, 140,149,150 and 154. The total area required for the proposed road is 6.580 ha in Addateegala Range of Kakinada Division.
- Legal Status of the Forest is Dummukonda RF notified under Section-16 of Madras Forest Act, 1882 in B.P. No. 489, Fort St. George Gazette Dt. 13.10.1942.
- The density of the forest on either side of the road is 0.60.
- 292 trees are to be felled in the area proposed for diversion and the value of the trees is ₹41,74,808/-.
- No erosion in forest area takes place due to formation of the road.
- The proposed road is passing through Compartment Nos.136,140,149,150 and 154 of Dummukonda RF.
- 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.
- No violation has been carried out by the User Agency .

The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale and the authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

The District Forest Officer, Kakinada has inspected the area proposed for

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diversion on **18.01.2021** and stated that, as per the field inspection, 292 no. of trees are falling within the width of 9.00 m. The volume of the 292 trees is 246.489 cum with a value of ₹41,74,808/- and the Earth work is to be excavated is 30396.95 cum and its value is ₹1,67,18,323/-. Therefore, the total destruction in the proposed road is ₹2,08,93,131/-.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the District Forest Officer, Kakinada has **“Recommended”** the proposal.

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

- The part of the proposed road (i.e., 4.72 ha) from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram in Koyyuru (M) including construction of 6 no. of Culverts is passing through Compartment Nos.1441 & 1442, Puttakota RL in Marripakala Range of Narsipatnam Division in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.
- Road length of 5,245 m (including 1,667 m in Mattam Bheemavaram enclosure) is falling in Puttakota RL.
- Legal Status of the forest is Puttakota RL notified under Section-4 of A.P Forest Act, 1967.
- The density of the forest in the nearby vicinity of the proposed road is about 0.7.
- There are 58 nos. of miscellaneous trees existing in the proposed width of the road and the value of the trees is ₹26,23,613/-.
- There is no vulnerability of forest area to erosion.
- The proposed road is passing through the Reserve Forest.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- No violation has been carried out by the User Agency.

The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale and the authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 25.08.2021 and stated that, the total length of the proposed road is 5,245 m and the width is 9.00 m. Thus, the total area required to be diverted for widening of the road is 4.72 ha (i.e. 5245 m x 9m = 47205 m (OR) 4.72 ha). The density of the forest in the vicinity is about 0.7. Already an old cart road/pathway of width about 3 to 6 m is existing in the area.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has **“Recommended”** the proposal subject to certain conditions laid down in the comprehensive guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F. No. 5-2/2017-FC, dated: 28.03.2019.

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 non-forest land over an extent of 11.88 ha has been identified in Sy. No.204, Uppalanka, H/o Gurajanapalli village of Karapa Mandal of Kakinada Section for CA.

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, Kakinada has prepared the CA scheme

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to an extent of 11.88 ha for raising Compensatory Afforestation with a financial outlay of ₹110.00 lakh with 10 years maintenance of plantations.

The Divisional Forest Officer , Kakinada has inspected the area proposed for CA on 09.11.2021. Site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer , Kakinada is enclosed herewith.

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

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram and the Conservator of Forests , Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam have agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officers, Kakinada and Narsipatnam and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

As per Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019, the User Agency has uploaded the RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collectors, East Godhavari and Visakhapatnam Districts 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/37018/2018** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgement slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, the Conservator of Forests , Visakhapatnam Circle and the Divisional Forest Officers, Kakinada and Narsipatnam Divisions have recommended the proposal for diversion of 11.30 ha of forest land (i.e., 6.58 ha in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of EE, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 11.30 ha of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of EE, R&B, Rajamahendravaram 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 proposal to Government of India, MoEF &CC, IRO, Vijayawada to accord forest clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments therein.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- (2) sets of proposals

N Prateep Kumar Ifs

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &

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Head of Forest Force

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

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Kakinada and Narsipatnam Divisions for information and necessary action

Copy to the Executive Engineer (R&B) Division, Rajamahendravaram for information and necessary action.

PART-IV

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:28/11/2021

Signature:

Place:

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