FIELD INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, GUNTUR ON 25.04.2019 IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND OVER AND EXTENT OF 1.87 Ha. OF FOREST LAND FOR THE PROPOSED ROAD FROM SIVANAGAR THANDA TO UDAYANAGAR THANDA IN COMPT NO. 109 OF GUTTIKONDA BLOCK I AND COMPT NO. 138 OF NAKARIKALLU BEAT IN GUNTUR RANGE OF GUNTUR DIVISION AND DISTRICT.

A proposal has been received by this office from the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Guntur vide Rc.No: EFS02-15034/18/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt: 27-03-2019 for diversion (Under FCA – 1980) of 1.87 ha of forest land for formation of a Road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda in Compt. No. 109 of Guthikonda Block I and Compt No. 138 of Nakarikallu RF of Nakarikallu Beat in Guntur Range, Territorial Division Guntur Division and District. The subject envisages the use of forest land for 1.87 Ha. The proposed site was inspected by the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur on 25.04.2019 together with the Forest Range Officer, Guntur and concerned section staff.

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is a forest area measuring 1.87 Ha.

Compt. No. 109 of Guthikonda Block and Compt No. 138 of Nakarikallu RF

An extent of 1.87 Ha involved in the project in 2 Reserve Forest areas that comprises Compartment No. 109 of Guthikonda Block Reserve Forest and Compt No. 138 of Nakarikallu RF of Nakarikallu Beat in Guntur Range, Territorial Division Guntur.

i. TOPOLOGY

The area is plain having gentle slope. There is no vulnerability to soil erosion.

Classification :-

It is classified as ECO – Class IV consisting of Tropical Thorn Forest and Tropical Dry ever green forests of open type.

ii. Density of vegetation: -

The area is devoid of vegetation. The density of vegetation stands is 0.10 to 0.20

The following is the flora and fauna existing in the RF.

FLORA

- 1. Baliospermum montanum
- 2. Grewia tiliifolia
- 3. Azardicta Indica
- 4. Albizia amara

<u>FAUNA</u>

- 1. Hare
- 2. Felis viverrina (Fishing cat)
- 3. Vulpes bengalensis
- 4. Sus scrofa (Wild Boar)

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col.2 of part I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project. The forest land in Compt No. 109, Guthikonda Forest block I and Compt No. 138, Nakarikallu Reserve Forest, Guntur Range of Guntur Division and District, Andhra Pradesh is proposed for diversion for formation of a Road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda.

It is found that

- 1) The proposed area is not located in any protected Archeological/ Heritage site/ Defense establishment site/any other important monument.
- 2) The area proposed by the User Agency is the barest minimum and no alternative lands suitable to the project as per the project report furnished by the User Agency is agreed to.
- 3) There are no note worthy Flora and Fauna exists in the proposed diversion area. The details of Flora and Fauna is indicated in the earlier paras.
- 4) The User Agency has not violated the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been carried out.

Specific Recommendation:

Since the diverted area is meant for a Road project which is intended for public purpose, the proposals are hereby recommended.

Divisional Forest Officer

Guntur

Place: Guntur

Date: 25.04.2019.