

**Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu for diversion of 0.24 ha of forest land of Paderu division for Rehabilitation and up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Koyyuru – Chaparathipalem – Lambasingi – Paderu Section of NH-516E in the State of Andhra Pradesh from (km 120/000 to km 253/94) in Compt. No. 309 of Sirasapalli RF, G.Madugula Beat of Paderu Range on 16.06.2022.**

Inspected the proposed area for diversion of forest land in Paderu Division for Rehabilitation and up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Koyyuru – Chaparathipalem – Lambasingi – Paderu Section of NH-516E in the State of Andhra Pradesh on 16.06.2022 along with Forest Range Officer, Paderu (T) range and G.Madugula section staff and officials of the User agency i.e., Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, MoRTH, Visakhapatnam.

The proposed road is passing through Compt. No. 309, Sirasapalli RF in G.Madugula Beat, G.Madugula Section of Paderu (T) Range in Paderu Division.



The total forest land proposed for diversion for rehabilitation and upgradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Koyyuru – Chaparathipalem – Lambasingi – Paderu Section (Packages I, II, & III from km 120/000 to km 253/94) is 60.06 ha in Narsipatnam and Paderu division. Out of that, an area of 0.24 ha is falling in Compt. No. 309, in Sirasapalli RF, G.Madugula Beat, G.Madugula Section of Paderu (T) Range in Paderu Division.

During joint inspection, it is found that there are 24 no. of miscellaneous trees are falling within the proposed width of the road as reported by the Forest Range Officer, Paderu (T). The density of the forest in the vicinity is about 0.5. The User agency did not carry out any work in violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and other relevant acts.

The proposed project road (Koyyuru-Paderu) connects Koyyuru, Krishnadevpetta, Chintapalli, Lambasingi, Paderu spanning through Visakhapatnam district, which forms an important artery for movement of main goods (e.g. coffee, spices, agricultural produce and seasonal crops) between Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, and form main connectivity between Rajahmundry, Vizianagaram, Odisha and West Bengal.

With reference to alternate "Compensatory Afforestation (CA)" land, as per the directions of the PCCF, A.P., Guntur, Degraded Forest Land (DFL) twice in extent of forest area that is proposed for diversion i.e. 147.26 ha has been identified as CA land in Araku and Pedabayalu Ranges and the authenticated DGPS map duly signed by the officials of Forest and user agency is appended in Part-I proposals.

The details of identified Degraded Forest land as CA land


| Sl. no. | Name of the Range | Name of the Section / Beat   | Name of the Location | RF/Block    | Compt. No. | GPS readings        | Degraded Forest area in ha |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1       | Araku             | Araku / Araku                | Araku                | Araku       | 122 & 123  | 18.32510 / 82.84089 | 26.55                      |
| 2       | Araku             | Sunkarametta / Muliyaagalugu | Pittamamidi valasa   | Pedalabudu  | 10         | 18.31231 / 82.93546 | 49.28                      |
| 3       | Pedabayalu        | Sujanakota / Machipuram      | Gajulabanda          | Machipuram  | 417        | 18.36478 / 82.44038 | 23.72                      |
| 4       | Pedabayalu        | Sujanakota / Machipuram      | Bondapottu           | Uppacheruvu | 401        | 18.35559 / 82.42199 | 24.01                      |
| 5       | Pedabayalu        | Pedabayalu / Ginnelakota     | Dondralaputtu        | Uppacheruvu | 407        | 18.22998 / 82.49178 | 23.70                      |
|         |                   |                              |                      |             |            | <b>Total :</b>      | <b>147.26</b>              |

The proposal for diversion of forest area of 0.24 ha in Compt. No. 309, in Sirasapalli RF, G.Madugula Beat, G.Madugula Section of Paderu (T) Range in Paderu Division is recommended with the following conditions in the interest of Forests and Wildlife Conservation.

1. The user agency shall restrict the tree felling minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of local forest officer and large trees having wildlife importance shall not be disturbed.
2. The User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
3. Adequate number of rambles / speed breakers and underground / over passages shall be provided to facilitate movement of wildlife and to avoid accidents as recommended by CWLW/ NBWL/FAC/REC.
4. Display board at starting and ending point showing details of forest land involved in diversion and clearly mentioning the status of land as 'Forest land'.
5. Suitable protection structures shall be included in the proposed road is having steep gradient to avoid soil erosion.
6. All DGPS surveyed points shall be clearly demarcated on the field and proposed alignment shall be followed.
7. The User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
10. Sufficient fire wood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
11. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
15. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC guideline F.No. 11-42/2017-FC, dt.29.01.2018.
16. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulated from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
17. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

The required forest area is unavoidable for the project and due to this project there is no threat to the local flora, fauna and there is no archeological heritage importance in this locality.

  
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