

Inspection notes of the District Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam on the proposed Diversion of 11.38 ha of Forest land in Compartment no.571 & 572 of Nadupuru RF, Parawada Beat, Gajuwaka Section, Visakhapatnam Range, Visakhapatnam Division for laying 400/200 KV over head Transmission line from 400/200 KV Kalapaka Sub-station to the proposed cable pot head station for HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam in favour of CGM (Projects) (VRMP), HPCL, Visakhapatnam on 03.06.2021.

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Sl. no.	Bit wise area	Compt.no.	Area in ha
1	Bit-I	571	6.30
2	Bit-II	571	0.24
3	Bit-III	571 & 572	4.84
	Total:		11.38



There are no trees falling all along the proposed diversion. The area along the stretch appears to be stable. The area originally supports Southern Tropical Thorny Forest only with scrub forest class in Eco-Value class-III. There is no violation under F.C. Act by the User Agency in the proposed area as on date.


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