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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology
Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi - 522 503.

Ref.no.EFS02-15034/10/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
dated:18/07/2022.

Sir,

Sub APFD - F (C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.82 ha forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road on widening the admitted width of RoW from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE , PIU, Nellore - Submission of proposal under F(C) Act, 1980 - Clearance under Section-2 of F(C)Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.

Ref: 1. Online proposal no.FP/AP/ROAD/44727/2020, dated: 25.02.2020.
2. PCCF & HoFF , A.P, Guntur Rc. no. EFS02-15034/10/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 03.10.2021.
3. CCF , Guntur Rc. no.763/2020-TO, dated: 20.06.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Nellore in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 0.82 ha forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road on widening the admitted width of RoW from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE , PIU, Nellore.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur in the reference 3rd cited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.82 ha forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road on widening the admitted width of RoW from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE, PIU, Nellore processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

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- Forest area to an extent of 0.82 ha is required for formation of BT road on widening the admitted width of RoW from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE, PIU, Nellore.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs.130.00 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the proposed road is connecting Jarlapadu habitation of Pigilam to an Grampanchayat Head quarter. The total length of this road is 2.015 km from km 0/000-2/015 existing earthen track and from km 0/000-2/015 which is in reserve forest. The length of 2.015 km is falling in the reserve forest area for an extent of 0.82 ha . This is the only route for public of Jarlapadu to reach the mandal head Quarter. At present public is suffering acute problem particularly pregnant women, School children. The up-gradation of this portion from km 0/000-2/015 to an All-weather road is very much essential.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.82 ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement is involved in this project.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- Employment likely to be generated is during the construction work 2500 man days will be generated.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

The District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- Forest land to an extent of 0.82 ha is required for formation of BT road on widening the admitted width of RoW from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE, PIU, Nellore.
- The proposed formation of BT road from Pigilam – Hastakaveri falls in Chillamnur RF of Venkatagiri Range along the admitted right of way. The approximate distance of proposed site from boundary of forest is about 0.10 km.
- Legal Status of the forest is RF : Chillamanur RF notified under Section-15 of AP Forest Act, 1967 vide GO Ms no.981, Forest & Rural Development (Forest-III) Dept., dated: 03.11.1976. The following **cart tracks to a width of 12 feet** are admitted as right of way for men, cattle and vehicles. Copy of the Gazette notification is enclosed.

(3) Cart track from Pigilam to Jarlapadu. It enters the forest between station 30 and 31 at a distance of 440 links from station no.30 and running in a South-Easterly direction for & distance of about 40 chains leaves the forest between stations 56 and 57 at a distance of 1280 links from station no.56.

- The density of vegetation is 0.3 and falls in forest type Eco-class 4.
- **No tree felling is required for formation the road.**
- The proposed Reserve forest is not vulnerable to erosion.
- The alignment of proposed formation of BT road from Pigilam – Hastakaveri to Jarlapadu does not form a part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor etc.,
- No rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in adjacent RF areas.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any

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- 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, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

The length of the road proposed for diversion by the User Agency is 2.015 km and width of the road is 4.07 m i.e., 13.353 feet. The width of existing cart track in admitted RoW is 12 feet. Thus, the User Agency has proposed to widen 1.353 feet over and above the existing cart track in admitted width of RoW is 12 feet.

The District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 24.12.2021. Site inspection report of the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore is enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has **Recommended** the proposal.

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

In Part-IV, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh has **Recommended** the proposal.

As per Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F. no. 5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019, under RoFR Act, 2006, the user agency has uploaded the RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collector, SPSR Nellore District 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. The certificate is enclosed with the proposal.

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/44727/2020** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur and the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.82 ha forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE , PIU, Nellore.

In this regard it is to submit that, as per Chapter 4.3.1 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, the subject project falls under general approval category.

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Further, as per Chapter 2.6 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, Compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 1.00 ha. However, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum number of 100 plants) shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (3) sets, for diversion of 0.82 ha forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE, PIU, Nellore duly recommended in Part-IV, subject to the conditions stipulated in Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in F. no.5-2/2017 (FC Division) Dt. 28.03.2019 is submitted herewith for taking further action as deemed fit in the matter.

Encl:- (3) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur and the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Old ZP Compound, Nellore for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada for information.

PART-IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

Diversion of 0.82 ha forest land in Nellore Division for formation of BT road from Pigilam-Hasthakaveri R&B Road to Jarlapadu in Balayapalli mandal in favour of EE , PIU, Nellore....

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:16/07/2022

Signature

Place : Guntur

Name:Anand Kumar Jha

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A.K. JHA
Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer