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FIELD / SITE INSPECTION NOTES OF THE FOREST DIVISIONAL OFFICER, ADILABAD ON DIVERSION OF 2.1666 Ha FOREST LAND IN UTNOOR PANGE FOR ROAD FROM R/F PWD ROAD TO LODDIGUDA IN SATHNALA MANIKGARH RF BLOCKS OF ADILABAD DIVISION ADILABAD DISTRICT ON 05.05.2020.

As part of FCA clearances road on 05.05.2020, I along with concerned Range staff visited the proposed site for diversion of Forest land (Area 2.1666 Ha, Length 2.1666 Km, width 10.00 Mtrs) for Road from R/F PWD road to Loddiguda in Sathanala & Manikgarh RF blocks according to DGPS survey map and as per the instructions from PCCF vide Prl. CCF, AP, Hyd. Rc.No. 17394/2019/FCA2, Dt. 15-02-2020, and the entry and exit points were checked and found to be correct.

The proposed area passes through along already existing track and the forest type is open forest of Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous with canopy density of 0.1. The soil type is black cotton soil with undulating terrain and also hilly at some portion which is moderately prone for soil erosion.

As per right of way the cart track existed prior to 1980 as per SOI topomap. The proposed road passes through small hillock and ends near point of Loddiguda Village.







The proposed area is falling in Compt.No. 301/Dhaba-B Beat/ Section Dhaba/Bela Range/Sathnala Reserve Forest which is notified under section 4, vide G.O No. 5, dated. 9.5. 50 F and in Compt. No. 545/Sangvi Beat/ Section Gowri/Utnoor Range/ Manikgarh Reserve Forest which is notified under section 15, vide G.O No. RR Dept. Lr No. 12310, dated 29.09.1953. The proposed diversion of forest area for Non forestry purpose i.e along the proposed track having no tree growth and enumeration of tree growth treated as Nil.

Regarding the flora present in the area, the species commonly found are Terminelia tomentosa (Nallamaddi), Tectona grandis (Teak), Butea monosperma (Moduga), Boswellia serrata (Anduga) Terminalia Arjuna (Yerumaddi), Acacia arabica (Tumma), Holoptelia integrifolia (Nemalinara), Terminelia bellerica (Thani), Xylia xylocarpa (Tangedi) Cassia fistula (Rela), Cleistanthus collinus (Nallakodisha), Buchanania lonzan (Morri), Semecarpus anacardium (Jeedi), Terminelia chebula (Gotti), Bombax ceiba (Burugu), Babusa Arundaneshia (Bamboo) and Madhuca indica (Eppa). The fauna in the area majorly consist of Melursus ursines (Sloth Bear) Hysterix indica (Porcupine), Lepus nigricollis (Hare), Boselaphus tragocamulus (Nilgai), Tetracerus quadricornis (Fourhorned Antelope), Spotted deer (Axis axis), Sus scrofa (Wild boar), Pavo cristatus (Indian Peafowl) and Glaucidium radiatum (Jungle Owlet).

Regarding violations in the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, there is no violation in the proposed site of the project.

The said proposed area for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. There are no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the forest area proposed for diversion. There are no protected Archaeological/ Heritage site/Defence establishment or any other important monument in the forest area proposed for diversion.

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The proposed widening of existing road is passing through interior forest area and the surrounding areas covering with good flora and fauna and the road dead end with the village Loddiguda. This route has no alternatives and the road width of 10 Mtrs proposed by the User agency is not necessary in view of the interior location of the connecting villages. The vehicular traffic is also negligible and hence in view of protection of forest and requirement of up gradation of road, it is **recommended the width of road for 6 Mtrs** instead of 10 Mtrs as proposed by the User agency and the **diversion area reduced to 1.29996 Ha**.

Hence this project requires barest minimum forest area of 1.29996 Ha, with the total length of 2.1666 Km and width of 6.00 mtrs in Reserve Forest area.

The project is intended to connect many interior tribal villages. The road connectivity improves the standard of life of the interior tribes and facilitates to transport agricultural produce to the nearest market centres.

Thus, this road for up gradation and formation of BT road is recommended (1.29996 Ha) based on the field conditions and future impact.

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