

**FIELD INSPECTION NOTES OF DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
VISA KHAPATNAM ON 13-02-2018 IN VISA KHAPATNAM RANGE OF
VISA KHAPATNAM DIVISION**

Inspected Seethakonda Reserve Forest area proposed for diversion of 1.85 ha of Forest Land for Relaying of Visakha Valley School Road from NH-16 Junction to Beach road in Visakhapatnam Range of Visakhapatnam Division which was notified U/s-4 of A.P. Forest Act 1967 in favour of Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority, Visakhapatnam.



During inspection, it is noticed that the proposed road is 60 feet wide. A part of Visakha Valley School and Kala Parishad will have to be diverted and requisite compensation will have to be paid. It is requested that the user agency clearly mark the area to be diverted so that a proper understanding of the area needed for diversion can be made.

Before diversion the following issues need to be addressed:

1. Free ranging animals (sambar, wild boar, spotted deer, porcupine etc.) crossing from the area of the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park to Seethakonda reserve forest need to be provided with a safe crossing route. This can be done by construction of an over bridge (flyover) and fencing off the rest of the road so that animals do not stray onto the road. This is essential as a large number of wild animals are already present in the Seethakonda Reserve Forest i.e. the area to be diverted and a large number of road accidents involving wild animals have happened in this area in the recent past.
2. The existing wall of the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park is already in danger of collapse due to road widening activities already taken up near the area to be diverted. Adequate provision for safeguarding the wall should be provided in consultation with the Curator, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park.
3. The diverted area comprises a part of the research plot belonging to the Forest Department. Enumeration of the number of trees to be felled needs to be done.

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