

**Filed inspection notes of Ms. Suman Beniwal, I.F.S., District Forest Officer,
Kurnool on 12-02-2022**

On 12.02.2022, I along with Forest Range Officer, Dhone Range, concerned field staff and A.P. Transco, Kurnool representative have inspected the 2.63 Ha [Stretch1- 0.87 Ha + Stretch2 - 1.76 Ha (Bit1 -0.55 Ha + Bit2-0.71 Ha + Bit3-0.50 Ha)] of forest land in Compartment No.313, Gulamalaiabad South RF, Banaganapalli Section and Compartment No.334, Rangapuram RF, Dhone Section of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division for erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS at Bethamcherla in Kurnool District as a part of re-routing of the line from AP 15 to AP 25 and AP 26/7 to AP 57 in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, A.P. Transco, Kurnool. During the inspection the following points are observed.

The Gulamalaiabad South Reserve Forest was notified u/s-15 vide Notification. No.2062, dated.23.10.1970 as Reserved Forest and Rangapuram RF was notified u/s-16 vide Notification no.504, dated.13.11.1906. The DGPS survey had been taken up in the proposed diversion of Forest land and authenticated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur for stretch 1 (0.87 Ha) vide PCCF, AP, Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15035/2/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/ FCA-1, dt.19.09.2021. The Forest area proposed for construction of new double line and electrification of track is located in

<u>Stretch1 (0.87 Ha)</u>	<u>Stretch2 (1.76 Ha)</u>
Compartment Nos : 313	Compartment No : 334
Reserve Forest : Gulamalaiabad South RF	Reserve Forest : Rangapuram RF
Beat : G.A Bad Beat	Beat : Rangapuram Beat
Section : Banaganapalli	Section : Dhone
Range : Dhone	Range : Dhone

Utility of Forest area proposed for diversion is for "erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220 KV SS Jammalamadugu to the proposed 220/132/33 KV SS at Bethamcherla in Kurnool District as a part of re-routing of the line from AP 15 to AP 25 and AP 26/7 to AP 57 over an extent of 2.63 Ha".

Observations:

The following observations were made during the course of the field inspection,-

Strech1 -0.87 Ha:

1. The user agency had already dug pits in the earth to an extent of 518.4 cmt in the proposed diversion of Forest land area in Compartment no.313, GA Bad Beat of Dhone and violated provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
2. The Forest Range Officer, Dhone Range had stated that the work was already stopped and the Flying Squad Party, Kurnool had booked an O.R case vide O.R.no.44/2019-20 and compounded the offence for an amount of Rs.2,61,554/- (Rupees two lakhs sixty one thousand five hundred and fifty four only).
3. As per the DGPS authentication, the area proposed for diversion is 0.87 ha.
4. There is no significant vegetation in the proposed area to be diverted and the density of GA Bad South RF is under Eco-Class III open forest.
5. The fauna of the proposed area is *Wild boars* and *Rabbits* etc.,
6. The project is Transmission line under the category of a linear project and there is no vulnerability to soil erosion and there is minimal impact of the project on the adjoining flora and fauna
7. The proposed area does not fall in the part of National Park/ Wild Life Sanctuary or within the Eco-sensitive zone or wildlife corridors and also and there are no Elephant Corridors and does not consists of any archeological & monumental structures.
8. Further, there are no endangered forest species in the proposed area.
9. The Gundla Bramheswara Wildlife Sanctuary of Nandyal WL Division is the nearest WLS to the proposed diversion area and the distance from the said WLS map is enclosed herewith.
10. There are no pending claims/ encroachments/ court cases and leases to APFDC Ltd. etc on the said forest land.
11. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is barest minimum for the project.

Strech2 -1.76 Ha:

1. It was noticed that, the user agency had already erected three towers by violating the provisions of F(C) Act, 1980 in Compartment No.334, Rangapduram RF of Dhone Range.
2. The Forest Range Officer, Dhone Range had stated that, the concerned field staff was already booked an O.R case vide O.R.no.42/2020-21, dt.31.10.2020 and the work was stopped.
3. As per the DGPS authentication, the area proposed for diversion is 1.76 ha (Bit1 -0.55 Ha +Bit2-0.71 Ha + Bit3-0.50 Ha).
4. The proposed area is plain and hilly terrain and the soil is red.
5. There is no significant vegetation in the proposed area to be diverted and the density of Rangapuram RF is under Eco-Class III open forest.
6. The fauna of the proposed area is Wild boars and Rabbits etc.,
7. The project is Transmission line under the category of a linear project and there is no vulnerability to soil erosion and there is minimal impact of the project on the adjoining flora and fauna.
8. The proposed area does not fall in the part of National Park/ Wild Life Sanctuary or within the Eco-sensitive zone or wildlife corridors and also and there are no Elephant Corridors and does not consists of any archeological & monumental structures.
9. Further, there are no endangered forest species in the proposed area.
10. The Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary of Atmakur(WL) Division is the nearest WLS to the proposed diversion area of strech2-2.76 Ha and the exact distance from the said WLS map is enclosed herewith.
11. There are no pending claims/ encroachments/ court cases and leases to APFDC Ltd. etc on the said forest land.
12. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is barest minimum for the project.
13. The user agency had withdrawn the earlier proposal no.FP/AP/TRANS/ 45767/2020 and submitted new proposal by combining strech1 (0.87 ha) + strech2 (1.76 ha) vide proposal no.FP/AP/TRANS/150705/2021.



Strech2 Bit-1 (Tower No.222)



Strech2 Bit-2 (Tower No.227)



Strech2 Bit-3 (Tower No.229)

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To
The Forest Range Officer, Dhone Range.