

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri P. Mallikharjuana Rao, I.F.S.,
PrI. Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh,
"Aranya Bhavan", K.M. munshi Road,
Nagarampalem, Guntur -522004

To
The PrI. Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forest, Science
and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.No. 1843/2015/FCA-3, Dated : 21-05-2018

Sir,

Sub: - APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 4.37 Ha of forest land for formation & BT to the road including Construction of Culverts from Solabham to Chilakamamidi in f/o EE , PR (PIU), Paderu- Submission of processed proposal U/s-2 of F(C) Act, 1980- Reg.,

Ref:- 1. Proposals uploaded in the Ministry's website No. FP/AP/ROAD/31951/2018.
2. PCCF 's Rc. No. 1843/2015/FCA-3, dated: 24-03-2018.

* * *

It is informed that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PRI+PIU), Paderu vide ref. 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 4.37 Ha of forest land for formation & BT to the road including Construction of Culverts from Solabham to Chilakamamidi in f/o EE , PR (PIU), Paderu

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam division vide ref. 2nd cited for processing under F(C) Act, 1980 and amendments therein and submit the proposals through the concerned Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has submitted the proposals for diversion of 4.37 Ha of forest land for formation & BT to the road including Construction of Culverts from Solabham to Chilakamamidi in f/o EE , PR (PIU), Paderu

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

- An area of 4.37 Ha of forest land is required for formation & BT to the road including Construction of Culverts from Solabham to Chilakamamidi (V) of G. Madugula (M), Sankavaram RF in Chodavaram Range of Visakhapatnam Division.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 510.70 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers of Ambalamamidi, Gangadevigudi, S. Pedabauvalu and Chilakalamamidi reach the manda head quaretrs G. Madugula with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through RF in various reaches in the road from 0/0 to 8/600 Kms. This is the only shortest route for the people of above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not playing on this road die to improper geometry and various streams crossing the road. The people are facing lot of problems to meet their needs of Education, Health and Transportation of Agricultural and forest produces etc., Hence the road is proposed to upgrade to BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy.
- The user agency has also certified that, no other alternative route than the proposed to avoid the forest area. The opted route is the best one to meet the needs of education, health and transportation of agricultural produce.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA , Trees extraction charges etc., .
- The area proposed for diversion is 4.37 Ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement involve due to construction of this project.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.

(Contd...2)

:2:

- The user agency has stated that, no Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is required
- Employment likely to be generated is 28200 man days for a period of one year.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Division has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- An area of 4.37 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos. 915,916,917,918 & 880 of Sankaram RF, Chodavarm Range, Visakhapatnam Division for formation & BT to the road including Construction of Culverts from Solabham to Chilakamamidi (V) of G. Madugula (M),
- Legal Status of the Forest is Sankaram RL is notified U/s -4 of A.P. Forest Act 1967 in G.O. Ms No. 2118, Food & Agriculture (For-III) , dated : 25-11-1969 .
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0.4 to 0.7
- Regarding brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it has been stated that no forest area will be effected to erosion.
- Information regarding Species – wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees (statement enclosed). There are 195 trees falling along the width of road proposed
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is the proposed road length is 8600 mtrs and width is 6.00 mtrs including construction of culverts for 7.50 mtrs width is passing through Sankaram RL.
- Regarding rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area it is stated that, there are no rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- There are no protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land is proposed by the user agency is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- Regarding any work in violation of the Act has been carried out, it has been stated that, the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 03-05-2018 and stated that the proposed road is connecting four other habitations in between solabham to Chilakalamamidi, the kutcha road is available upto peddabayalu and from peddabayalu to Chilakalamamidi new formation of road is required. The propose road is connecting interior villages which facilitate people to access basic facilities like healthcare, education, public distribution scheme and marketing of their agricultural produce. Road is also essential for the movement of all line departments to take the Government Schemes to interior habitations and to bring them in main stream.

- The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished .

In column No. 13 of Part –II, the Divisional Forest Officer has "Recommended" the proposal with the following conditions in the interest of forest and wildlife.

- Adequate signage's to be placed at regular interval to create awareness about forest, wildlife conservation, maintaining vehicle speed etc.,
- Display board at starting and ending point showing details of forest land involved in diversion and clearly mentioning the status of land as "Forest land"
- Suitable protection structures shall be included in steed portion to avoid soil erosion.
- Tree felling should be done in the presence of local forest officer and large trees having wildlife importance shall not be disturbed.
- Adequate number of ramblers/speed breakers and underground passages shall be provided to facilitate movement of wildlife and to avoid accidents.

(Contd...3)

- All the material required for road work shall be brought from outside and no material shall be collected from RF or RL.
- For any kind of blasting and quarrying prior permission shall be obtained.
- All DGPS surveyed points shall be clearly demarcated on the field and proposed alignment shall be followed

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

In this regard it is to submit that the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.13.05.2011, 10.12.2012, 01.02.2013, 17.05.2013 & 15-02-2018 has accorded general approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure works to be carried out by Government Department in 117 LWE affected districts for diversion of forest land not more than 40.00 Ha in each case/activities as mentioned therein. In such cases, the State Government is empowered to accord permission, subject to the condition that the forest area is falling outside Protected Areas.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF Gol New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.16.06.2011, no compensatory Afforestation is to be insisted on diversion of forest land upto 5.00 Ha, to be carried out by Govt. Dept. in the notified LWE Affected District. Visakhapatnam District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in Visakhapatnam District and the area proposed for diversion is 4.37 Ha, which is less than 5.00 Ha, as such equivalent non-forest land for CA is not required for this project.

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District have issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format **Annexure-I (Form-I)** 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 is enclosed with the proposal.

Further, it is informed that as per the guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website (www.forestclearance.nic.in) & a unique file number **FP/AP/ ROAD/31951/2018** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam & Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 4.37 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 915,916,917,918 & 880 of Sankaram RF, Chodavarm Range, Visakhapatnam Division for formation & BT to the road including Construction of Culverts from Solabham to Chilakamamidi (V) of G. Madugula (M) in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu Division.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 4.37 Ha of forest land in Compt. Nos. 915,916,917,918 & 880 of Sankaram RF, Chodavarm Range, Visakhapatnam Division for formation & BT to the road including Construction of Culverts from Solabham to Chilakamamidi (V) of G. Madugula (M) in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Paderu Division duly recommended in Part-IV is furnished herewith in triplicate to accord Stage-I approval.

Encl - (3) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- P. Mallikarjuna Rao,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Chief Conservators of Forests / Conservators of Forests, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

Copy to Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Department, Paderu for information and necessary action.

// t.c.b.o.//

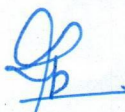
[Signature]
21/5/18
Superintendent

Proposal for diversion of 4.37 Ha of FL in Visakhapatnam Division
for construction of road from Salokham to Chitakamandi
PART - IV

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

<p>17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks</p> <p>(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)</p>	<p>Recommended.</p>
--	---------------------

Date: 21.05.2018
Place: Guntur



Signature:

Name: Dr. R.P. KHAJURIA, IFS
Addl. Pri Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
Official seal: % Pri Chief Conservator of Forests (Hoff)
GUNTUR, A.P.