

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION OF 3.26 HA OF FOREST LAND FOR LAYING OF 20" PIPELINE (ABOUT 31 KMS) FROM OFFSHORE PLATFORM THROUGH MOUTH OF THE GOWTHAMI RIVER TO ONGC ONSHORE PLANT AT MALLAVARAM VILLAGE, TALLAREVU MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT BY THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, KAKINADA DIVISION, KAKINADA ON 19.10.2020

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has forwarded the proposals vide PCCF (HoFF), A.P, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15027/4/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1; Dt:27.12.2019 for diversion of 2.67 ha. of forest land for laying of 20" Pipeline (about 31 kms) from Offshore Platform through Mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC Onshore plant at Mallavaram Village, Tallarevu Mandal, East Godavarai District in favour of the M/s. ONGC, Kakinada.

As per the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (WL) and CWW, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur and instructions of the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry a Joint Inspection was conducted on dt.19.10.2020 by the DFO, WLM Division, Rajahmundry and myself along with the concerned FROs and staff and the concerned ONGC Staff. The following are the observations.

1. Total length of proposed ONGC pipeline is 30.82 km
2. The nearest distance of proposed pipeline to the boundary of the Coringa Wildlife sanctuary is 2.35 km
3. Length of proposed pipeline passes through default Eco Sensitive Zone i.e., 10 kms radius of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is 10.08 kms an area of 18.96 ha
4. Length of the 1.17 km of pipeline passing through the water body in Compt. No.666 of Matlatippa RF of Kakinada (T) Range of Kakinada Division over an area of 2.67 ha.
5. Out of which 0.03 km in Revenue lands mangroves are present on both sides of the Nala (0.05km). Hence the length of 0.08 km (0.03km Mangroves+0.05km Nala) also attracts the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The deemed forest area having mangroves arrived to 0.59 ha (two bits 0.44+0.15=0.59 ha) in deemed forest area having mangroves of Mallavaram village.

The proposed pipeline is passing through the river in Matlatippa Reserve Forests in compt. no 666 over an area of **2.67 ha and 0.59 of Mangroves in deemed forest area (3.26ha)**. There is fauna like fishing cat, smooth coated otters in the surrounding areas of the proposed forest area for diversion.

There is no violation of Forest conservation Act 1980 in the proposed area found during the field inspection.



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