FIELD INSPECTION NOTES ON 02.10.2021

DIVERSION OF 1.8571 HA OF FOREST LAND IN KODUMURU VILLAGE OF CHINTAKANI MANDAL VELUGUMATLA RESERVE FOREST

I have inspected the proposed area for laying of 4-laning road from Km 17.860 to 18.200 of NH-365BG along with Site Engineer NHAI, PIU Khammam and their Consultant from K&J Projects Pvt.ltd, Forest Department officials in the Velugumatla RF with the Beat officer kodumuru and Forest Section officer, Chintakani section on 02.10.2021.

The proposed forest land situated in the Compt. No. 40 of Velugumatla RF in kodumuru Village of Chintakani mandal with the density of forest less than 0.1. The proposed road for diversion in length of 309.52 Meters with a width of 60 mt ROW passing through Khammam - Devarapalle.

The flora exists adjacent to the area proposed for diversion consists of Mangifera Indica, Prosopis Juliflor, Holopteleaintegrefolia, MillettiaPinnata, Terminalia Bellirica, Azadiricta indica and Dirshinam etc., out of which Terminalia Bellirica is found to be more dominant the same composition is existing in both sides of the road. The average height of the species composition is 3 to 4 mts. During enquiry with the staff, No fauna is present in the area. Further it is observed that the proposed area is not falls in the National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. Further it is observed that the area is not significant for any archaeological/heritage site/ defense establishment or any other monument. The area required for diversion is the barest minimum and unavoidable. No work in violation is taken up by user agency.

Further it is stated that the diversion of RF area is passing through the Reserve Forest Velugumatla for the Construction of 4 Iane access controlled New Green Field Highway section of NH 365 BG Khammam Devarpalli from Thallampadu to Somavaram village in Khammam District and it is about 1.8571 Ha from Km 17.860 to 18.200 i.e. 309.52 Mts with a width of 60 mt ROW. In this regard, it is further stated that the diversion proposal of the project is recommended as there is no alternative way due to presence of Kodumuru village on Northern side and Kodumuru pond & vandanam Village on southern side, it is inevitable to pass through the Reserve Forest area to avoid resettlement of villages and to avoid the water body. The project proposal is recommended with condition to protect and improve the Velugumatla RF without disturbing the Flora and fauna beyond the diversion land and the cost for which shall be borne by the user agency.

Forest Divisional Officer, Khammam Division.

