

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
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Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

Rc.no.EFS02-15034/80/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:08/11/2019

Sir,

Sub:APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 1.54 ha. of forest land in Compt. no.
- 155, E.D. Pally, Chintur Division for formation and providing BT to the road
from Vinayakapuram to Irakampeta in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Kakinada -
Submission of processed proposal under F(C) Act, 1980 - Clearance under
Section=2 of F(C)Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.

Ref: 1. Online Proposal no. FP/AP/ROAD/36092/2018, dt.21.09.2018.
2. PCCF's Rc.no. EFS02-15034/80/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,
Dt.25.09.2018.
- 3. CCF, Rajamahendravaram Rc.no. 4147/2017-D1(5),
Dt.29.09.2019.

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The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Kakinada in the
reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in Ministry's webportal for
diversion of 1.54 ha. of forest land in Compt. no. 155, E.D. Pally, Chintur Division
for formation and providing BT including construction of Culverts to the road
from Vinayakapuram to Irakampeta in f/o EE, PR(PIU), Kakinada.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajamahendravaram in the
reference 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 1.54
ha. of forest land in Compt. no. 155, E.D. Pally, Chintur Division for formation
and providing BT including construction of Culverts to the road from
Vinayakapuram to Irakampeta in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Kakinada.

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

- Forest land to an extent of 1.54 ha. is required for formation and BT including construction of Culverts to the road from Vinayakapuram to Irkampeta (V), Chintur (M), Chintur Division in f/o EE, PR (PIU) Division, Kakinada. The road work "from Vinayakapuram to Irkampeta" has been approved by Ministry of Rural development under PMGSY Phase-XI (Batch-I). The existing surface is earthen road.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹71.64 lakh.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate stating that, the villagers of Irkampeta will reach the Mandal head-quarters Chinturu with shortest path by providing this road. The existing road passes through Reserve forest from 0/0 to 2/150 km. This is the only shortest route for the people of above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying on this road due 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 be upgraded to BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy.
- The user agency has also certified that, there is no other alternative route than the proposed one, 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, Tree extraction charges etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 1.54 ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- The user agency has stated that clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not applicable.
- Employment likely to be generated is 15,320 mandays for a period of one year and also indirectly nearby habitants are benefited.

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

- Forest land to an extent of 1.54 ha. is required in Compt. no. 155 in E.D. Pally RF, Kunavaram Range, Chintur Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Vinayakapuram to Irkampeta (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Kakinada.
- Legal Status of the forest is E.D. Pally forest block notified U/s -4 of A.P. Forest Act 1967 in G.O. Ms no. 1159, F&A, dated: 18.04.1968.
- The density of the forest is less than 0.10
- No tree felling involved along the length and width of the proposed road.
- No forest area will be affected to erosion.
- The proposed road length is 2150 m. and average width is 6.00 m. within E.D. Pally RF.
- 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 monuments is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is un-

- avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur Division has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 01.12.2018 and stated that the proposed road was already existed as gravel road and using by the local villagers from long back for passing small vehicles for their day to day movements. The details of existing flora in the proposed area for diversion and the adjacent area, are Dalbergia latifolia, Choloroxylon sweitenia, Albizzia odoratissima etc. This project is very useful for the local villagers to connect to Mandal headquarters.

Accordingly, in column no. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer has 'Recommended' the proposal, as there is no tree felling involved and the road is useful in facilitating the transportation to the interior villages as well as improving the conditions of road in forest areas.

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

The District Collector, East Godhavari District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, GoI, New Delhi in the 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 The certificate is enclosed with the proposal.

Further, it is to submit that as per the guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) & a unique proposal number **FP/AP/ROAD/36092/2018** has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's web portal is enclosed herewith.

The Conservator of Forests, Rajamahendravaram & Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur Division have recommended the proposal for diversion of 1.54 ha. of forest land in Compt. no. 155 in E.D. Pally RF, Kunavaram Range, Chintur Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Vinayakapuram to Irkampeta (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU Division, Kakinada.

In this regard, it is to submit that, as per para 4.4 of comprehensive guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF &CC, New Delhi vide F.no. 5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 in supersession of all guidelines issued in the past, for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the subject project falls under general approval category of Public Infrastructure works in LWE Districts as notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time. The District i.e. East Godavari in which the subject project falls, is LWE District as notified in Ministry of Home Affairs F.No.II-18015/68/2014-LWE-III, dt. 14.04.2018.

Further, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF, GoI, New Delhi vide File no. FC-11/115/2019-FC, dt.13.09.2019, compensatory Afforestation is not required towards diversion of forest land upto 5.00 ha. with less than 50 trees per ha. Accordingly, for the subject project, Compensatory Afforestation is not required, as the forest land proposed for diversion is 1.54 ha., which is less than 5.00 ha.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 1.54 ha. of forest land in Compt. no. 155 in E.D. Pally RF, Kunavaram Range, Chintur Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Vinayakapuram to Irkampeta (V) in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Kakinada duly recommended in Part-IV is submitted herewith, with a request to accord Stage -I clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl :- (2) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
N.PRATEEP KUMAR
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajamahendravaram and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintur for information and necessary action.

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

PART-IV

(Diversion of 1.54 ha. of forest land in Compt. no. 155, E.D. Pally, Chintur Division for formation and providing BT to the road from Vinayakapuram to Irakampeta in f/o EE , PR(PIU), Kakinada).

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendations of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks (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)	Recommended
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Date: 08.11.2019

Place : Guntur

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