

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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

Rc.No. EFS02-15034/112/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated :17-10-2018.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.75 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 67 of Ambapouram RF, Nellore Division for forming CC approach road from Akkacheruvupadu to Nellore – Podalakur Road in f/o Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore- 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/36387/2018
2. PCCF Rc. No. EFS02-15034/112/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 11-10-2018.
3. CF, Guntur Rc. No. 3243/2018-TO, dated : 12-10-2018.

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It is informed that, the Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 0.75 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 67 of Ambapouram RF, Nellore Division for forming CC approach road from Akkacheruvupadu to Nellore – Podalakur Road in f/o Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore Division vide reference 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.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide reference 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 0.75 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 67 of Ambapouram RF, Nellore Division for forming CC approach road from Akkacheruvupadu to Nellore – Podalakur Road in f/o Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore.

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

- An area of 0.75 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. No. 67 of Ambapouram RF, Nellore Division for forming CC approach road from Akkacheruvupadu to Nellore – Podalakur Road in f/o Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 250.00 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the road is proposed to provide the transport facility to NTR colony and local resident of Akkacheruvupadu through Ambapouram RF. There is no other alternative except the proposed approach road. The RF area is un avoidable and barest minimum.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, Trees extraction charges etc., .
- The area proposed for diversion is 0.75 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.
- The user agency has stated that, no Environment (Projection) Act, 1986 is required
- Employment likely to be generated is 900 to 1000 man days will be generated through Mazdoors.

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

- An area of 0.75 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. No. 67 of Ambapuram RF, Nellore Division for forming CC approach road from Akkacheruvupadu to Nellore – Podalakur Road in f/o Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0.50
- Legal Status of the forest is Reserve Forest
- Regarding Species – wise (scientific names) and diameter class –wise enumeration of trees it has been stated that the RF area propose for diversion falls in Ambapuram RF area which is leased out to APFDC Ltd., Nellore. The plantation raised by the APFDC Ltd., is existing in the above RF area. There are 1370 Eucalyptus trees are there and the value of the trees are Rs. 11,55,000/- (Eleven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand on
- Regarding brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it has been stated that, this area is not vulnerable to erosion.
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is the proposed BT is linear in nature. It enters the Ambapuram RF boundary from one side and leaves the RF boundaries in another side.
- The alignment of the approach CC road does not form a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor etc.
- 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. Wildboar, Spotted deer, Rabbit, Reptiles and Bird species are found in the Reserve Forest.
- There is 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, Nellore Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 06-10-2018 & 08-10-2018 and stated that the density of vegetation is ranging from 0.50 with Eucalyptus Clonal plantation raised by APFDC Ltd., along the alignment of the proposed road. The main Flora is Eucalyptus Spp, Ziziphus caracutta, Ziziphus mauritiana, Maba buxifolia etc. and the Fauna is Wild boar, Spotted deer, Wild dog, Rabbit, Reptiles and Bird species. The proposed area falls under the Eco –class –IV with Eco-value of Dense Forest. Further, the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore has proposed the following measures in the interest of protection of local eco-system and fauna with the cost of the user agency.

1. It is proposed to takeup Chainlink fencing along the either side of the road and also 250 Mts. Length on either side of the road at starting point and ending point in RF.
 2. Green belt to be created along the chainlink fencing on either side of the road to reduce the pollution.
 3. Animals passes at two points under the road are proposed for passage of wildlife existing in the RF area.
- 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

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

As per Chapter (3) (viii) (b) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 No compensatory afforestation shall be insisted upto 1.00 Ha. (However, in such cases, plantation of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled will have to be carried out by way of compensatory afforestation or any number of trees specified in the order)

As per MoEF, Gol, New Delhi vide Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, under RoFR Act, 2006, the user agency has not furnished the RoFR Certificate 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,

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/36387/2018 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur & Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 0.75 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 67 of Ambapuram RF, Nellore Division for forming CC approach road from Akkacheruvupadu to Nellore - Podalakur Road in f/o Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore.

Further, as per Government of India, MoEF, (FC Division) vide F. No. 11-9/98-FC, dated : 13-02-2014, have accorded general approval under Section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to State / Union Territory Governments for diversion of not more than one hectare of forest land in each case, for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of certain categories of works by Government Departments, which includes Construction /widening of roads including of approach roads to road side establishments, subject to "the project should not involve felling of more than fifty trees per hectare. Corresponding permissible limit of maximum number of trees to be felled for the forest area diverted, shall be in proportion to the extent of the diverted area.

In the present case, the project involves felling of 1370 Eucalyptus trees raised by APFDC Ltd., Nellore, which is against the condition No. (V) of the above guidelines States that, As such, the clearance under Section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the subject proposal may not be accorded by the State Government under General Approval category.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 0.75 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 67 of Ambapuram RF, Nellore Division for forming CC approach road from Akkacheruvupadu to Nellore - Podalakur Road in f/o Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore duly recommended in Part-IV in triplicate is furnished herewith. The Government are requested to onward transmit the same to the RO, Chennai for further consideration of the proposal

Encl - (3) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi,
PrI. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to Conservator of Forests, Guntur and Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore for information.

Copy to Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore for information and necessary action.

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22/10/18


22/10/2018
Superintendent

PART - IV

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

*Proposal for diversion of 0.75 Ha of FC in Nellore Division for formation of
road from Akkampaducheru to Nellore padalukur road*

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest
Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks

Recommended

(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).

Date :
Place:

Signature: *Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi* (Ss.)
Name *Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests*
Official seal *(Head of Forest Force)*
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur