

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. EFS02-15034/86/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated : 20-10-2018.

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 0.99 Ha of forest land in Guntur Division for formation of approach road from Vinukonda - Ravulapuram R&B road to Nehrunagar Thanda (ST Colony) of Kanumalacheruvu GP in Bollapalli (M) in f/o EE,(PR), PIU Division, Guntur- 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/30763/2018.
2. PCCF's Rc.No.EFS02 -15034/86/2018- FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dated : 02-08-2018.
3. CF, Guntur Rc. No. 724/2017-TO, dated : 10-10-2018..

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It is informed that, the Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Guntur vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 0.99 Ha of forest land in Guntur Division for formation of approach road from Vinukonda - Ravulapuram R&B road to Nehrunagar Thanda (ST Colony) of Kanumalacheruvu GP in Bollapalli (M) in f/o EE,(PR), PIU Division, Guntur.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur 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 0.99 Ha of forest land in Guntur Division for formation of approach road from Vinukonda - Ravulapuram R&B road to Nehrunagar Thanda (ST Colony) of Kanumalacheruvu GP in Bollapalli (M) in f/o EE,(PR), PIU Division, Guntur

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

- An area of 0.99 Ha of forest land is required in Guntur Division for formation of approach road from Vinukonda - Ravulapuram R&B road to Nehrunagar Thanda (ST Colony) of Kanumalacheruvu GP in Bollapalli (M) in f/o EE,(PR), PIU Division, Guntur.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 132.00 lakhs.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers Nehrunagar Thanda to reach the mandal head quarters with shortest path by providing this road, the existing road passes through RF of the road from 0/0 to 3/400 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 upgrade 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 to avoid the forest area. The total forest area involved in the proposal is 0.99 Ha. In Guntur Division. 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 0.99 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 3650 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.

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

- An area of 0.99 Ha of forest land is required in - Compt. Nos. 29,30 & 31 of Bollapalli Extension - 2, Naidupalem Beat and section of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division for formation of approach road from Vinukonda - Ravulapuram R&B road to Nehrunagar Thanda (ST Colony) of Kanumalacheruvu GP in Bollapalli (M) in f/o EE,(PR), PIU Division, Guntur.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0.10
- Legal Status of the forest is Bollapalli Extension -2 is notified as Reserve Forest Under Section 16 of Madras Forest Act (Act-V of 1882) vide G.O. No. 1349-J, dated : 31-07-1897.
- Regarding Species - wise (scientific names) and diameter class --wise enumeration of trees it has been stated that there is no trees falling the width of the proposed Road.
- Regarding brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it has been stated that , the alignment is gentle gradient and hence the erosion is very minimum.
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is 0.00 Km (The Reserve Forest Boundary starts from NS Right Canal (Under Tunnel).
- The wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion is Wildboar and Hare.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur has stated that, the area proposed for diversion does not forms part of National Part, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. and the area does not located within Eco sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the protected area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 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, Guntur Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 17-9-2018 and stated that the land required by the user agency is a forest area measuring 0.99 Ha. The total RF area consists of Southern Tropical Dry Scrub forest (6A/C2) (as per the champion and seth) of eco class No. IV occurs in sloppy hills with boulders and continuous sheet of rock at some locations. The main flora is Prosopis Juliflora, Chinta, Narayepi etc., and the fauna is Wild Boar and Hare found in Bollapalli Extension -2 Reserve Forest.

- 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, Guntur 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. Guntur District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in Guntur District and the area proposed for diversion is 0.99 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, Guntur District vide File No. REVGNT-ESECOLEA(GEN)/33/2017-JA(E4)-COLGNT, dated : 07-07-2018 has 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/30763/2018 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, Guntur Division have recommended the proposal for area of 0.99 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos. 29,30 & 31 of Bollapalli Extension - 2, Naidupalem Beat and section of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division for formation of approach road from Vinukonda - Ravulapuram R&B road to Nehrunagar Thanda (ST Colony) of Kanumalacheruvu GP in Bollapalli (M) in f/o EE,(PR), PIU Division, Guntur.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 0.99 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. Nos. 29,30 & 31 of Bollapalli Extension - 2, Naidupalem Beat and section of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division for formation of approach road from Vinukonda - Ravulapuram R&B road to Nehrunagar Thanda (ST Colony) of Kanumalacheruvu GP in Bollapalli (M) in f/o EE,(PR), PIU Division, Guntur duly recommended in Part-IV in triplicate is furnished herewith to accord Stage -I approval.

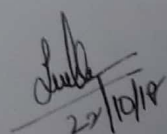
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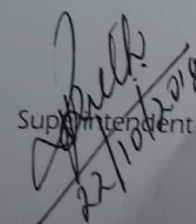
Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi,
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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

Copy to Executive Engineer, (PR), PIU Division, Opp Collectors Bunglow, Zilla Parishad Compound, Guntur -522004 for information.

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PART - IV

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

Proposal for diversion of 0.99 Ha of FL in Guntur Division for formation
of road from Ravulapalem R&B road to Nehru Nagar Thanda

1	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of other wise of the proposal with remarks.	
2	(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

[Signature]

Date:

Place: Guntur

Signature **Dr. Mohd. Ilyas Rizvi IFS.,**
Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests
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