

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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

**Rc.No. EFS02-15034/128/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: 16.10.2019.**

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 1.60 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 910 of Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli in f/o EE,PR, Paderu - Submission of processed proposal under F(C) Act, 1980 - Clearance under Section-2 of F(C) Act, 1980- Requested - Reg.

- Ref:-
1. Minsitry'w Website Proposal no. FP/AP/ROAD/37337/2018
  2. PCCF's Rc. no. EFS02 -15035/128/2018- FCA SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dt.08-12-2018.
  3. EE, PR (PIU), Paderu Lr. no. 31/2015/AE/DB, Dt. 11-12-2018
  4. PCCF's Rc. no. EFS02 -15034/128/2018- FCA SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dt.22.12.2018.
  5. CF , Visakhapatnam Rc. no. 4743/2019/TO, jDt.07.03.2019

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The Executive Engineer, PIU, Panchayat Raj Division, Paderu in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited has uploaded the proposal in Ministry's website for diversion of 1.60 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 910 of Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli in f/o EE,PR, Paderu.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Division in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited for processing under F(C) Act, 1980 and amendments therein and submit the proposals through the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 1.60 Ha of forest land in Compt. No. 910 of Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli in f/o EE,PR, Paderu

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

- An area of 1.60 ha of forest land is required for formation of the road including construction of culverts from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli(V), G. Madugula (M), Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam division in f/o EE,PR(PIU) Division, Paderu.
- The road work "from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli" has been approved by Ministry of Rural development under PMGSY Phase -X (Batch-II). The existing surface is earthen road.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 143.74 lakhs.

- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the villagers of Barsingi and Vedurupalli reach the Mandal headquarters i.e. G. Madugula with the shortest path by providing this road. The existing road passes through Reserve forest in various reaches in the road from 0/0 to 3/200 Kms. 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, Trees extraction charges etc., .
- The area proposed for diversion is 1.60 ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement involve due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- The user agency has stated that, Environment (Projection) Act, 1986 clearance is not applicable.
- Employment likely to be generated is 14792 mandays for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.

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

- An area of 1.60 Ha of forest land is required in Compt. no. 910 in Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli in favour of Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Paderu.
- Legal Status of the forest is Sankaram RL, notified U/s -4 of A.P. Forest Act 1967 in G.O. Ms No. 2118, Food & Agriculture (For-III), dated: 25.11.1969
- The density of the forest is 0.4 to 0.7
- There are no trees falling along the width of the proposed road.
- No forest area will be effected to erosion.
- The proposed road length is 2666 m. and average width is 6.00 m. within R.L in Sankaram RL..
- 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 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, Visakhapatnam Division has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 18.02.2019 and stated that the proposed road from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli village will facilitate people to access basic facilities like healthcare, education, public distribution scheme and marketing of their agricultural produce. Road is also essential for the movement of all line departments to take the Government Schemes to interior habitations and to bring them to main stream. However, while interacting with local people and range staff, movement of wild animals like Porcupine, Wildboar, Black napped hare, Gaint Squirrel, Monitor lizard, Grey jungle fowl etc., are occasionally seen in that area.

Accordingly, in column No. 13 of Part -II, the Divisional Forest Officer has "Recommended" the proposal with the following conditions in the interest of forest and wildlife conservation.

1. Adequate signages to be placed at regular interval to create awareness about forest, wildlife conservation, maintaining vehicle speed etc.,
2. Display board at starting and ending point showing details of forest land involved in diversion and clearly mentioning the status of land as "Forest Land"
3. Suitable protection structures shall be included in steep portion to avoid soil erosion.
4. Tree felling should be done in the presence of local forest officer and large trees having wildlife importance shall not be disturbed.
5. Adequate number of ramblers / speed breakers and underground passages shall be provided to facilitate movement of wildlife and to avoid accidents.
6. All the material required for road work shall be brought from outside and no material shall be collected from reserve forest or Reserve land.
7. For any kind of blasting and quarrying, prior permission shall be obtained.
8. All DGPS surveyed points shall be clearly demarcated on the field and proposed alignment shall be followed

In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam 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 & has accorded general approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land upto 5 ha. for creation of critical public utility infrastructure works to be carried out by Government Department in LWE affected districts, 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. and tree felling involved is upto 50 trees per hectare, to be carried out by Government Department in the notified LWE Affected District. Visakhapatnam District is one of the notified LWE Districts in Andhra Pradesh and this proposal falls in Visakhapatnam District. Since, the area proposed for diversion is 1.60 ha, which is less than 5.00 ha, equivalent non-forest land for CA is not required for this project.

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, Gol, 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 Gol, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)) & a unique proposal number FP/AP/ ROAD/37337/2018 has been generated for this proposal. A copy of the Acknowledgment slip generated by the Ministry's website is enclosed herewith.

The Chief Conservators of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam & Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 1.60 ha of forest land in Compt. no. 910 in Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli in favour of Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Paderu

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 1.60 ha. of forest land in Compt. no. 910 in Sankaram RL, Visakhapatnam Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Magathapalem to Vedurupalli in favour of Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Paderu duly recommended in Part-IV in duplicate is submitted herewith, with a request to accord Stage -I clearance under general approval category.

Encl - (2 ) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- N. Prateep Kumar,  
PrI. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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*C. M. Murthy Babu* 24/10/19  
for PrI. Chief Conservator of Forests  
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24/10/19

PART-IV

Proposal for diversion of 1.60 Ha of FL for formation of road  
from Maghathapalem to Vederupalli in Visakhapatnam

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 26.10.2019

Place: Guntur

Signature

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