FIELD INSPECTION NOTES OF THE FOREST DIVISIONAL OFFICER, GUDURU (W.L.M.) ON 18.03.2021 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED DIVERSION OF 5.9359 Ha. FOREST LAND FOR LAYING OF ROAD FROM R/F L032 MATTEWADA TO VEERAMPET OF GUDUR (MANDAL) OF MAHABUBABAD DISTRICT

As per the proposal for diversion of forest area received and request made by the District Panchayat Raj Engineer, Mahabubabad I have inspected the site on 18.03.2021 for Laying of Road from R/F L032 Mattewada to Veerampet of Gudur (M) in Compt.Nos.1006 & 1007 of Gudur Reserve Forest, Ootla (North) Beat, Gudur Section of Gudur Range, Compt. No.1009, Karlai (South) Beat, Karlai Section of Kothaguda Range which is falling in the Pakhal Wild Life Sanctuary area of Gudur and Kothaguda Ranges along with concerned Forest Range Officers, Gudur and Kothguda. The User Agency has requested for diversion of 5.9359 Ha of Forest land for Laying of Road from R/F L032 Mattewada to Veerampet of Gudur (M).

Further, it is submitted that, the standing trees were extracted and removed by the User Agency without permission, for which no payment was made for Extraction of Tree Growth. Further, excavation of gravel was done for laying of the road by using gravel from Reserve Forest area, without permission. The cost of the trees and gravel which were removed without permission have resulted in loss to the Government Revenue. Hence, User Agency may be asked to make payment for the same by taking the canopy density of the adjoining areas which is about (0.6 to 0.8) as a penalty under Forest Conservation'Act, 1980.

The Forest Range officer, Gudur has issued show cause notice to the Divisional Engineer, Panchayat Raj Department, Mahabubabad vide Rc.No. 110/FCA/2020/Gudur, Dt: 02.09.2020 for taking up of the work without prior permission of Central Government and the Forest Range Officer, Gudur has also issued POR against the User Agency, the details of POR is as follows.

- POR No. 1232/25, dt: 25.2.2019 issued by Ch Sumalatha, Forest Beat Officer., Ootla(N) on dt: 25.02.2019 against the contractor (Sarampally Venkatareddy, S/o Agareddy, R/o Newshyampet, Hanamkonda, Warangal (U) and collected "C" fee Rs. 15000=00 vide MR No. 353/008, dt: 26.2.2019.
- POR No. 1234/25, dt: 29.5.2019 issued by Ch Sumalatha, Forest Beat Officer., Ootlà(N) on dt: 29.5.2019 against the contractor (Sarampally Venkatareddy, S/o Agareddy, R/o Newshyampet, Hanamkonda, Warangal (U) and collected "C" fee Rs. 25000=00 vide MR No. 459/010, dt: 29.5.2019.
- POR No. 1802/37, dt: 20.11.2020 issued by Ch Mogilaiah, Forest Beat Officer., Ootla(E) on dt: 20.11.2020 against the contractor (Sarampally Venkatareddy, S/o Agareddy, R/o Newshyampet, Hanamkonda, Warangal (U) and collected "C" fee Rs. 10,080=00 vide MR No. 489/010, dt: 24.11.2020.
- 4. The Forest Range Officer, Guduru has also collected the value of the trees which was already extracted by the user agency.
 - i. NT Poles 32 Nos @ 173/Pole, Value Rs. 5536=00.
 - ii. NT Poles 13 Nos @ 215/Pole, Value Rs. 2795=00.3

Total Value Rs. 8331=00

5. They have also constructed the (7) Culverts.

The proposed Road is passing through the Wild Life Sanctuary area with an extent of 5.9359 Ha. The User Agency, District Panchayat Raj Engineer, Mahabubabad has got the area demarcated on the ground. The breakup of the area required by the User Agency is as follows:

Sl. No	Name of R.F.	Beat	Compt. No	Length (Mts)	Width (Mts)	Area in Ha	Remarks
1	Guduru	Ootla (North) Ootla (North) Karlai	1006 1007 1009	7914.48	7.50	5.9359	Falling in Pakhal Wildlife Sanotuary
		Total Lengt	h of Area :	7914.48	7.50	5.9359	

The undersigned has inspected the site along with the Forest Range Officers, Gudur and Kothaguda along with concerned staff and it was observed that the above forest area is Wildlife Sanctuary area and there is no growth on the proposed road for diversion in Gudur Reserve Forest of Gudur and Kothaguda Ranges. It is observed that the road width can be restricted such that the Standing trees were extracted and removed by the User Agency without permission, for which no payment was made for Extraction of Tree Growth, gravel and other costs involved. The cost of the trees which were removed without permission have resulted in loss to the Government Revenue. Hence, User Agency may be asked to make payment for the same by taking the canopy density of the adjoining areas which is about (0.6 to 0.8), the road width as requested by the User Agency is recommended.

The wildlife in the surrounding forest areas are Tiger, Leopard, Wild boar, Spotted Deer, Chousinga, Hare, Peacocks, Sambar, etc.,

The proposals for diversion of forest land to an extent of 5.9359 Ha. in Guduru (W.L.M.) Division of Mahabubabad District for Laying of Road from R/F L032 Mattewada Road to Veerampet in Gudur (M) in the Wildlife Sanctuary area and with 7.50 Mtrs. Width, the User Agency has removed trees which Violation has carried out.

The road connects Ootla Village and Karlai Village only and hence no other sign connections, further Ootla Village is very well connected to NH (Nakrekal to Mallampally) and Karlai Village is well connected to Kothaguda by existing road.

However, since most of works completed the proposal the proposals for Laying of Road from from R/F L032 Mattewada Road to Veerampet in Gudur (M) in Compt. Nos.1006 & 1007 of Guduru Reserve Forest, Ootla (North) Beat of Gudur Section, Compt. No.1009 of Gudur Reserve Forest, Karlai (North) Beat of Karlai Section, Kothaguda Range is recommended Strictly subject to the following conditions.

- The Legal status of the Wildlife Sanctuary area proposed to be diverted does not change.
- 2. Conditions imposed by Forest Divisional Officer, Guduru (WLM) shall be followed by the User Agency are as follows:

Sl. No	Name of the work's proposed presently to be taken up instead	Budget Required (In
1	Habitat Management	Lakhs)

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Solar Bore well with percolation tanks 10 Nos. @ 6.00 Lakhs / each with PT	60.00
Maintenance & Development of Natural Grass Lands by removal of obxonious weeds for three consecutive years	15.00
Taking up plantations in encroached areas with fast growing species like EP, Bamboo etc., for 50.00 Ha. including Nursery and Nursery infrastructure	70.00
Taking up Avenue plantation with fruit bearing species along road and purchasing of fruit bearing species plants for (3) years	56.00
2 <u>Water Management</u>	
Taking up of Large percolation tanks for wild animals and other SMC works	30.00
Installation of Checkpost	20.00
Payment of wages to the Check Post Watchers (4 Nos. for 5 Years)	24.00
SMC Line PT's and SCT's	30.00
3 Providing of Infrastructure for improvement of Wildlife	*
Inspection cum Supervising Huts at different locations and used for base camps.	30.00
Procurement of Fire Equipment	5.00
4 Fire and Wildlife Management	
Construction of Watch towers	20.00
Engaging of 5 Wildlife Trackers / fire watchers along with purchase of equipment for fire / wildlife watchers and wildlife trackers	8.00
Hiring of Vehicle for patrolling by wild life trackers / fire watchers for (5) years	8.00
5 Publicity & Awareness	
Hoardings & publicity to propagate the need for conservation of Flora and Fauna of the area	7.00
Entry Point activities for adjoining villages to encourage them in Forest Protection	30.00
6 Admin and Monitoring Cost:	
Engaging of DEO for monitoring activities for (5) Years	15.00
Construction & Improvement of Environment Education Centre (EEC)	20.00
Administrative Cost	10.00

- Any other conditions imposed by the Forest Divisional Officer, Guduru (WLM) from time to time shall be followed by the User Agency.
- 4. The proposed road is passing through two habitations and the Vehicle movement shall be restricted during the night hours from 09:00 PM to till 07:00 AM by installing of Check Posts at the entering either ends of the Road on Mattewada Road to Veerampet due to Man-Animal Conflict and to reduce the human interference in this protected area especially due to the vehicle movement
- 5. It is submitted that, the vehicles will be allowed from 07:00 AM to 9:00 PM by the collection of entry fee Rs. 50/- for four wheelers and no fee for Autos and two wheelers and no vehicle will be permitted after 09:00 PM to 07:00 AM and for collection of entry fees the powers are vested with Chief wildlife warden, & As per Section 28(2) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 the Chief wildlife warden has powers to permit to enter or reside in a sanctuary shall be issued subject to such conditions and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

- 6. The earth work or total length of the road was completed by the User Agency much before the proposals were submitted. Further, wherever there are streams, the Culvert work is also completed, which would require permission from the competent Authority.
- 7. The standing trees were extracted and removed by the User Agency without permission, for which no payment was made for Extraction of Tree Growth, gravel and other costs involved. The cost of the trees which were removed without permission have resulted in loss to the Government Revenue. Hence, User Agency may be asked to make payment for the same by taking the canopy density of the adjoining areas which is about (0.6 to 0.8).
- User Agency should install Speed Breakers for every 50.00 Mtrs. to check the vehicle speed.

The Proposals for diversion of 5.9359 Ha of Wildlife Sanctuary area for Laying of Road from R/F L032 Mattewada Road to Veerampet in Gudur (M) is recommended with the stipulated conditions implied by the Forest Divisional Officer, Guduru (WLM).

Forest Divisional Officer (FAC), Guduru (W.L.M.).