

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Andhra Pradesh, 'Aranya Bhavan',
K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem,
Guntur -522004.

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

Rc.no.EFS02-15034/18/2018/FCA -SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:24.02.2020.

Sir,

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It is to submit that, the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (PIU) Division, Guntur in the reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 1.87 ha. of forest land in Compartment no. 109 of Guttikonda Block -1 RF and Compartment no. 138 of Nekarikal Beat in Guntur Division for formation of road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Guntur.

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division in the reference 2nd cited for processing under F(C) Act, 1980 and amendments therein and submit the proposals through Conservator of Forests, Guntur.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur in the reference 3rd cited has submitted the processed proposal for diversion of 1.87 ha. of forest land in Compartment no. 109 of Guttikonda Block -1 RF and Compartment no. 138 of Nekarikal Beat in Guntur Division for formation of road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Guntur

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

- Forest land over an extent of 1.87 ha. is required in Compartment no. 109 of Guttikonda Block -1 RF and Compartment no. 138 of Nekarikal Beat in Guntur Division for formation of road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Guntur.
- The road was sanctioned vide G.O. no. 278, dt. 28.03.2018 of PR &RD, Prog-I of GoAP under CRR (TSP) grant.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as ₹ 250.00 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the villagers of Udayanagar Thanda used to reach mandal headquarters and markets. This is the only route for the people of above habitation. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying on this road due to improper track and undulations. The people are facing lot of problems to meet their requirements such as Education, Health and Transportation of Agricultural and forest products etc. Hence it is necessary to form the road through forest area for a length of 2842 m. as the entire road of 3.20 Km is proposed to bring it to BT standards so as to make the road traffic worthy.

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- 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 proposed is 1.87 Hectares 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.
- Cost benefit analysis does not arise, as the area proposed for diversion is 1.87 ha.
- 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, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.
- Due to this road project, the people of the connecting habitations will get employment directly and also indirectly throughout the year.

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

- Forest land to an extent of 1.87 ha. of forest land is required in Compartment no. 109 of Guttikonda Block -1 RF and Compartment no. 138 of Nakarikallu Beat in Guntur Division for formation of road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Guntur
- Legal Status of the forest is Guthikonda Block I, notified under section 16 of Madras Forest Act (Act V), 1882 dated: 15.04.1897 vide Notification Fort. St. George dated: 11.02.1897 and Nakarikallu RF notified under Section 15 of AP Forest Act, 1967 vide G.O. Ms. No. 802, Food and Agriculture (Forest -III), dated: 22.04.1968.
- The density of the forest is 0.1 to 0.2 (Eco Class -IV)
- 20 no. of trees are there and the value of tree growth is ₹11905. Tree enumeration list enclosed at page no. 75 of the proposal booklet may please be perused.
- The alignment is gentle gradient and hence the erosion is minimum.
- Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary is 0.0 Kms.
- The details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion is Hare and Wild boar.
- 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.
- 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, Guntur Division has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 25.04.2019 and stated that the area is plain having gentle slope. There is no vulnerability to soil erosion and the area is classified as Eco-Class-IV consisting of Tropical Thorn Forest and Tropical Dry ever green forests of open type. The main species are Baliospermum montanum, Grewia tillifolia and Albizia amara etc. and the main Fauna is Hare, Vulpes bengalensis and Sus scrofa (Wild Boar).

In column no. 13 of Part-II, the Divisional Forest Officer has "Recommended" the proposal.

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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.

The District Collector, Guntur District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the MoEF, GoI, 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 GoI, MoEF, New Delhi this proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) & a unique file number **FP/AP/ ROAD/38830/2019** 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, Guntur & Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur Division have recommended the proposal for diversion of 1.87 ha. of forest land in compartment no. 109 of Guttikonda Block -1 RF and compartment no. 138 of Nekarikallu Beat in Guntur Division for formation of road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Guntur.

In this regard it is to submit that, as per Chapter 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. Guntur 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 1.87 ha., which is less than 5.00 ha. and felling of trees is less than 50 trees per ha. (i.e. 20 trees).

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures in (2) sets, for diversion of 1.87 ha. of forest land in Compartment no. 109 of Guttikonda Block -1 RF and Compartment no. 138 of Nakarikallu Beat in Guntur Division for formation of road from Sivanagar Thanda to Udayanagar Thanda in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Guntur duly recommended in Part-IV is submitted herewith.

The Government are therefore requested to accord clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 under LWE districts general approval category.

Encl - (2) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
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