

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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

Rc.No. 4948/2017/FCA-3, Dated : 25-10-2018

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – F (C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 9.33 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram-CS Puram –Pamuru-Kandukur to two land with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis - 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/29874/2017.
2. PCCF Rc. No. 4948/2018/FCA-3, dated : 06-12-2017.
3. CF, Guntur Rc. No. 1724/2017-TO, dated : 11-10-2018.

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It is informed that, the Executive Engineer (R&B) NH Division, Kadapa vide reference 1st cited has uploaded the proposal for diversion of 9.33 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram- CS Puram –Pamuru-Kandukur to two land with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis

The proposal was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur 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 9.33 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram- CS Puram –Pamuru-Kandukur to two land with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis

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

- An area of 9.33 Ha of forest land is required for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram-CS Puram –Pamuru-Kandukur to two land with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs 808.86 Crores.
- The user agency has furnished justification certificate and stated that, the existing road between Chandrasehara Puram (CS Puram) to Singarayakonda (on NH-16) is narrow BY road and has been declared as National Highway 167-B and the road is not upto the National Highway standards and cannot handle the increased highway traffic. The existing highway from Km. 131/090 to 133/790 is passing through Botlagudur RF from Km. 141/620 to 142/700 from 143/560 to 145/750 is passing through Malakonda RF of Kanigiri Range of Giddalur Division.
- In order handle the increase in traffic, except widening of existing road, there is no any other alternative. Therefore for widening of the existing road in the stretches of forest, area to an extent of 9.33 Ha of forest land is required to be diverted. This road after completion would further improve connectivity in terms of achieving smooth and safe traffic flow and improve level of service. In addition to above, substantial economic gain in terms of reduced Vehicle Operating Cost (VOC) and reduced travel time will be achieved.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, Trees extraction charges etc.,

- The area proposed for diversion is 9.33 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 5000 man days will be generated through Mazdoors.

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

- An area of 9.33 Ha of forest land is required for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram- CS Puram -Pamuru-Kandukur to two land with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis.
- The Density of vegetation in the proposed area is 0.40
- 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, there is no tree growth in the area proposed for diversion.
- 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 0.0 Kms. (Starting from RF boundary at North –West boundary and ending South –East boundary of RF).
- The proposed 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.
- 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, Giddalur Division has inspected the areas proposed for diversion on 24-05-2018 and stated that the quality of forest is open with mainly with the species like Chikireni (*Albizia amara*), Bandedu (*Dodonaea viscosa*), Gotti (*Zygifus xylophera*, Kalivi (*Carissa carandas*), Velturu (*Dichrostachys cinerea*) etc., . Further, the Divisional Forest Officer has stated that, the proposed Up-gradation of NH-167 B road results in congestion and delay to both through as well as local traffic and in order to handle the increase in traffic, except widening of existing road, there is no any other alternative and this road after completion would further improve connectivity in terms of achieving smooth and safe traffic flow and improve level of service. In addition to the above, substantial economic gain in terms of reduced Vehicle Operating Cost (VOC) and reduced travel time will be achieved.

- 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, Giddalur and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

Under the Special provisions for Central Government / Central Government Undertaking Projects, granted in para–3.2–vi of guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 non forest land for Compensatory Afforestation has been identified to an extent of 18.66 Ha which is double the extent of RF proposed for diversion (9.33 Ha) in Compt. No. 518, Nandanavanam A Extension, Kanigiri Range, Giddalur Division. As per para (ix) (a), Chapter-3 of FICIA Act, 1980 guidelines and a scheme for raising Compensatory Afforestation have been

prepared with a financial outlay of Rs. 310.00 lakhs for a period of (12) years commencing from 2020-21 to 2031-32.

The Location map of CA land in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS map are furnished duly counter signed by the Divisional Forest Officer.

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; n of proposals involving more than 05 Ha and /or having more than 50 trees per Ha shall be placed before a Committee to be constituted by respective State Government under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary in charge of Forest Department with members the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests of Stage concerned Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office of MoEF & CC, one Expert Member of the Regional Empowered Committee, at the state headquarter which will examine and approve the proposal submitted for diversion of forest land as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest(Conservation) Rules made thereof with amendment and guidelines issued by the Ministry from time to time.

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/29874/2017 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, Giddalur Division have recommended the proposal for an area of 9.33 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram- CS Puram -Pamuru-Kandukur to two land with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis.

In view of the above, the statutory proposal along with necessary enclosures for an area of 9.33 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram- CS Puram -Pamuru-Kandukur to two land with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis duly recommended in Part-IV in triplicate is furnished herewith. The Government are requested to place the subject proposal before a Committee constituted vide G.O. Ms No. 70, EFS & T (Sec.II) Dept., dated : 27-06-2018 as per Gol guidelines dated : 15.02.2018, to accord Stage-I approval, as the area proposed for diversion falls in LWE District (i.e. Prakasham District) and the area proposed for diversion is less than 40 Ha (i.e. 9.33).

Encl - (3) sets of proposals

Yours faithfully,
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(Head of Forest Force)

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Ch. Deepa
for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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09/10/18*

PART-IV

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

Proposal for diversion of 9.33 Ha of FL in Chiddalur Division for
upgradation of NH-167B i.e. C.S. puram to Singavaya Kondra

<p>17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p>Whether giving opinion, the adverse comments made by the concerned Conservator of Forests or Dy. Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and official commented upon.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recommended</p>
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Place:

Signature:

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