

Inspection Notes of Deputy Conservator of Forests /
Forest Divisional Officer, Shamshabad

Inspected the proposed forest area for diversion of 0.20 Ha on 15-12-2017 along with Sri. Chiranjeevulu, Forest Range Officer, Chilkur and Sri. Kamaluddin, Forest Section Officer, Mudimyal for laying approach road from the Hyderabad – Vikarabad National Highway to the farmlands of the applicants. The site is located at Mudimyal Forest Block compartment No. 197. The area of the Forest Block is 1670.14 ha. It is notified under section 15 of A.P. Forest Act 1967 vide Food and Agriculture Department (FOR-III) G O MS No. 94, Dt. 12.03.1970. There is only one right of way for the road (Hyderabad – Vikarabad National Highway) passing through the Reserve Forest.

The user agency is reportedly an association of Mudimiyal Kancha Farmers and Farm house owners. The User Agency have not submitted any proof of being *bona fide* residents of Mudimiyal village. In the in Part-I, Item No 1(IV) the User Agency has justified diversion of Forest land for providing route to their fields stating that there was no route available to their fields. However the route proposed is connecting National Highway to their farms and not from the Village to their fields.

Upon field inspection of the said area it is evident that the averment of the User Agency is not correct. The area proposed for diversion is avoidable, as the alternate route is available to reach the farm lands from the nearby villages (Mudimiyal, Malkapur and Kummera). The user agency has NOT shown the farm lands in the map submitted along with the proposals. Assuming that the farm lands belong to Mudimiyal Village, the user agency can access all the farm lands through the roads already being used by all the villagers to reach their agricultural lands.

It is observed that due to past diversions/ roads, this forest block is already fragmented into EIGHT small bits. If the proposed diversion is agreed to, it will further fragment the forest land into smaller bits which will adversely impact the wildlife and biodiversity of the forest. It will also increase the fire accidents in the area. Hence the proposal is NOT RECOMMENDED. Map showing the existing roads in use, location of the villages and farmlands and proposed road for diversion is enclosed.

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