


DETAILED NOTE ON THE PROJECT

The road from Chittoor to Kurnool is declared as National Highway by GOI and assigned National Highway Number NH-18. Now Up gradation of the existing road to two lane with paved shoulders from Rayachoty to Kadapa i.e from Km.108/850 to 160/200 is sanctioned by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORT&H) ,GOI for Rs.352.19 Cr.

The total length of NH 18 is 362 Kms and this highway connects three important highways i.e., NH 44 at Kurnool, NH 205 at Piler, NH 4 at Chittoor in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It crosses NH 67 (at km 588/641) at km 372.371 which is another newly declared National Highway. This stretch is predominantly known to all because of its agricultural lands and agricultural outputs and having rich mineral resources in spite of all that the stretch is located in the industrially, economically developing area. Widening and improvement of NH -18(New NH-40) from Km.108/850 to 160/200, 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.

In this project , the existing road is widened and realigned to avoid sharp curves and to maintain National Highway standards. Because of this realignment and widening, the proposed road is falling in Idupulapaya Reserve Forest in 7 patches (Bits), with a total extent of forest area required for diversion is 1.81 Ha. Therefore proposal for diversion of 1.81 Ha of forest land is proposed for executing this project.


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