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Minutes of Discussion on forest areas required for Railway
 Broad Gauge Conversion of Dindimangal and Nandyal
 Disammetta Railway lines held in the Chambers of Conservator
 of Forests, Kurnool on 4-4-1994.

The following officers attended the meeting.

Forest Department

- 1) Sri M. Sultan Mohiuddin, IFS,
 Conservator of Forests,
 Kurnool.
- 2) Sri Ajay Kumar Naick, IFS,
 Divisional Forest Officer,
 Nandyal.
- 3) Sri C. Subrahmanya Rao, IFS,
 Divisional Forest Officer,
 Kurnool.
- 4) Sri Ch. Rama Subrahmanya,
 Divisional Forest Officer,
 Kurnool.

Railway Department

- 1) Sri M. Hanlal,
 Deputy Chief Engineer,
 Gauge Conversion,
 Nandyal.
- 2) Sri V. K. Gupta,
 Divisional Engineer,
 Gauge Conversion,
 Kurnool.

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The railway officials present informed that the statutory proposals in full share could not be furnished to the Forest Department due to the following reasons.

- 1) Delay in finalisation of compensatory afforestation areas.
- 2) Demarcation and enumeration of tree growth involved in the areas required.
- 3) Due to revision of requirement of Forest areas.

Selection of Compensatory Afforestation Areas:-

The Railway officials informed that they had finalised compensatory afforestation areas in Trakasm District. The areas are located in Komarela Mandal of Markapur Revenue Division. The areas fall in territorial jurisdiction of Gid'alur Forest Division. The Railway have identified 334 Acres (135.17 Ha). The areas identified are located in the following villages.

- 1) 200 Acres in Idamkallu village S.No. 1024/1 a-b-ttin; Vellion's West R.F.
- 2) 134 Acres in Komarela village S.No. 1524 a-b-ttin; Vellion's South Extension R.F.

The Railway officials and Divisional Forest Officer, Gid'alur have stated that they have taken instruction of the above areas with Revenue Officer, Markapur and Mandal Revenue Officer, Komarela. The Divisional Forest Officer, Gid'alur stated that the areas suitable for compensatory afforestation. As the area was found suitable the railway authorities placed requisition with the Revenue authorities for acquiring the area on 2-3-1994. The matter is now pending with the Revenue authorities of Trakasm District. The Railway officials stated that the area acquired is Government land and there should not be any difficulty in securing the land for allotment to the Forest Department. They stated that the acquisition of this land would be completed within a short time.

Compensatory Afforestation Scheme

The Divisional Forest Officer, Gid'alur stated that he has already initiated the work of the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme and he is working to finalise the same by 1-6-1994.

Enumeration of tree growth in the Forest areas involved:-

The Divisional Forest Officer, Gid'alur stated that he has already initiated the work of enumeration

(2) Gidralur Division is. The Divisional Forest Officer, Gidralur has stated that he has completed enumeration of the area.

(3) Kurnool Division:- The Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool has stated that the area involved in his Division is only dry scrub forest without any timber trees. The expected yield is only 100 tons of wood. The Divl. Forest Officer stated that he would be furnishing the details of all the yields involved by 15-1-1994.

The Railway officials stated that they would furnish the statutory information with all the required information by 20-4-1904 to the Conservator of Forests, Kumbhalgarh. It is also agreed to have a meeting at Kumbhalgarh on 21-4-1904 for examining all the necessary documents and proposals to the principal Chief Conservator of Forests and of the Government. The Conservator of Forests and the Railway officials and Divisional Forest Officer, Kumbhalgarh, will be present at 10-30 A.M. on 21-4-1904.

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
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Dated : 22.8.1994.

To

The Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
Hyderabad.

Subject:- Diversion of 132.31 ha. of Forest land for conversion of Metre Gauge Railway Line to Broad Gauge Line between Giddalur and Dronachalam Stations in Kurnool and Prakasam districts.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 16037/For.I/93-1 dated 3.5.1994 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 132.31 ha. of forest land for conversion of Metre Gauge Railway Line to Broad Gauge Line between Giddalur and Dronachalam Stations in Kurnool and Prakasam districts, subject to following conditions:

- i) Legal status of forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be done at the project cost over equivalent non forest land which will be declared as Protected/Reserve Forest.
- iii) As far as possible, cut and fill methods shall be used for laying of railway track.
- iv) As a rule, no tree felling will be done within the forest area required by the project authority for the purpose of dumping cut-soil/borrow pits.

Borrow pits should be dug in such a manner that tree felling is avoided to the maximum possible extent. Possibility of bringing earth from non forest area even with a wider lead should be critically examined. However, if tree felling is unavoidable in the area required for dumping cut soil/borrow pits, specific approval for tree felling shall be obtained from the local forest officer.

- ✓ vi) Rail fittings and Sleepers should be removed from the abandoned alignment.
- vi) All the buildings in the forest area along the old alignment should be handed over to the Forest Department.
- vi) The forest land along the old alignment should revert back to the Forest Department. The non forest land in the Sanctuary area should also revert back to the Forest Department.

Yours faithfully,

(MUNINDRA)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2. Nodal Officer, Office PCDF's, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
- ✓ 3. The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.
4. R.O. (HQ), New Delhi.
5. Guard File.

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