Government of Andhra Pradesh

Forest Department

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Sri M. Guru Prabhakar, SFS Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur WL Division, The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool.

Rc. No. 3096 / 2010 - P8, Dt.: 05/2018

Sir,

Sub: APFD - FCA 1980 - Diversion of 2.55 ha of forest land in Proddatur (WL) Division for Upgradation of NH-67 from KM 589/000 to 641/000 i.e. from Mydukur - Dornala "T" Junction to two lane with paved shoulders in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV in favour of Executive Engineer (R & B), NH Division, Kadapa - Additional information - Report Submission - Regarding.

Ref: 1) Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Guntur Rc. No. 267 / 2017 - FCA -3, Dt. 02-04-2018.

2) This office Rc. No. 3096 / 2010 - P8, Dt. 04-05-2018.

3) CCF, Kurnool Rc. No. 428 /2017-TO, Dt. 10-05-2018

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In continuation of this office reference 2nd cited and in response to the reference 3rd cited, it is submitted that, the existing road from Mydukur to Dornal "T" Junction is proposed to be upgradation to Two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV on EPC basis. This road is part of road passing from Hubli to Krsihnapatnam which is declared as National Highway by the Government of India and assigned National Highway Number 67. The total length of NH-67 road from Hubli to Krishnapatnam is 792 Kms and this road connects important Highways i.e. NH-7 at Gooty, NH-18 (New NH-40) at Mydukur and NH-5 (New NH-16) at Nellore. 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, Upgradation of this section of NH-67 from KM 638 / 000 to 640/600 passing through Gopavaram Reserve Forest of Proddatur (WL)

Division, would improve further connectivity in terms of achieving smooth and safe traffic flow and reduction of accidents. This area is prone for accidents with curves. In addition to this, substantial economic gain in terms of reduced vehicle operating cost (VOC) and reduced travel time will be achieved. Further there is no alternative except widening of the existing road which is passing through the Gopavaram Reserve Forests over a length of 2 Km.

In light of the above circumstances, the user agency has carried out the work violating the provisions of Forest Conservation Act 1980. After noticing the violation, the forest officials stopped the work. At present, no further work is being carried out by the user agency both inside and outside forest areas of the entire length of the road adjoining to the Reserve forest boundaries.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer Proddatur (WL) Division 2/2

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In obedience to the reference cited, I submit herewith the information for the additional points as requested by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, RO, Chennai vide F. No. 4-APB050 / 2017-CHN/0294, Dt. 01-03-2018 for further consideration of the proposal.

1) The State Government shall inform about the status of the case (s) booked against the violators and copy of the FOR shall be furnished along with reason(s) for work carried out in violation of FCA, 1980 etc.

An offence case was registered against the violators vide POR No. 80 / 2016-17, Dt. 10-02-0217 and collected an amount of Rs. 5201/- towards Compounding Fee. The case was registered for illicit removing of forest produce under Section 20 (i) C (ii), (iii), (iv) & (x) of AP Forest Act 1967 and 2016. The copies of the POR are submitted herewith for favour of kind perusal.

2) State Forest Department shall ensure that, NO further work should be carried out by the UA in both inside and outside forest area of the entire length of the road.

It is submitted that, no further work is being carried out by the user agency both inside and outside forest areas of the entire length of the road adjoining to the Reserve forest boundaries.

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Encl. :- As above.

Sd/-M.Guru Prabhakar Divisional Forest Officer Proddatur (WL) Division

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