

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**

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To  
The District Forest Officer ,  
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**Lr. No.EPC/ NH-167B / A2/2023-24 Dated: 24.08.2023**

Sir,

Sub: (R&B) NH Division, Kadapa — “Rehabilitation and up gradation of NH-167B from Km 43/097 to 99/103 (Porumamilla to C.S.Puram via Seetharampuram) in the State of Andhra Pradesh to two-lanes with paved shoulder under NH(O) on EPC basis – **Form-A (Part-I): Diversion of Forest Land – Stage –I Approval – Requested – Regarding.**

- Ref: 1. Lr . No. EFS02 – 15034 / 24 / 2018 / FCA SEC – PCCF / FCA – 1 dt: 08.09.2022 of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Guntur, A.P.
2. Memo No. 2102 / Section. II / 2021 / 1838119 dt: 01.12.2022 of Special Chief Secretary to Government of A.P
3. This Office Lr. No.EPC/ NH-167B / A2/2022-23 Dated: 10.04.2023
4. Rc. No. 115 /2017 /A14 dt: 13.04.2023 of District Forest Officer , YSR (T) Division ,Kadapa
5. Lr . No. Ref.No.EFS02-17/34/2022 — IT dt: 21.08.2023 of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Guntur, A.P

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It is to submit that, the subject work was sanctioned for Rs. 279.29 crores and entrusted to M/s SRK Constructions & Projects Pvt. Ltd. on tender basis and the agreement concluded on 09.12.2022.

It is submitted that vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Guntur, A.P had submitted the additional information to the Spl. Chief Secretary to Government , EFS&TD , Andhra Pradesh in respect of the proposals for diversion of 11.03 Ha of forest land in compartment no. 253 of Kavalakuntla Extn. A&B RF, Porumamilla Ranage of Kadapa Division for the subject work. After Scrutiny of the forest proposal the Spl. Chief Secretary to Government , EFS&TD , Andhra Pradesh vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited had returned the forest proposal to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Guntur, A.P and instructed the User Agency for uploading of revised KML file in the



online application for an extent of the forest area allowed for diversion and submit compliance to issue Stage-I approval for the project.

It is further submitted that earlier the road from Porumamilla to Seetharamapuram is a **Major District Road (MDR)** assigned road No.4809 . The total length of the road is 25.20Kms, out of this the road from Km 0/0 to 15/2 is passing through Kadapa District which is under the control of (R&B) Kadapa division and from Km 15/2 to 25/2 through Nellore district which is under the control of (R&B) Nellore division. **The total road (35.20 Kms) was black topped in the year 1968 simultaneously by both (R&B) Kadapa and Nellore divisions in their respective jurisdiction.** This road is an inter district road and it was renewed between 1973 - 1975. Subsequently the BT patch work was also done in the Financial Year 1983-84. Unfortunately, due to heavy floods occurred to Buggavanka river on 16.10.2001 part of Kadapa town was inundated including (R&B) Division Office, Kadapa. During floods some of the records of (R&B) Division were inundated including the record of subject road. **However, the Measurement Book(M.Book) showing the recorded evidence of BT patch work taken up for Porumamilla – Seetharamapuram road from Km 0/0 to 15/2 in the year 1983-84 was available and the same is herewith furnished for favour kind perusal.** In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that, normally after laying BT road a minimum of “6 to 8” years’ time will be required for sanction of next renewal. If the sanction of renewal is delayed then in order to maintain the road in traffic worthy condition, BT patch work will be taken up. Accordingly the BT patch work was done in the year 1983-84. If we consider a minimum of “6” years’ time period for BT renewal and going back it is evident that, the road was black topped prior to 1980 itself. Therefore by going through the above facts it is known that the road from Km 0/0 to 15/2 of Porumamilla to Seetharamapuram (Kadapa district jurisdiction) was black topped prior to 1980 itself. In this regard it is submitted that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) vide letter dated 15.03.2023 clarified that...

- (i) While seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use for additional forest land required for up-gradation / widening of such roads, the detail of existing forest land involved in the carriageway of road constructed prior to 1980 should also be included in the application for diversion of forest land.



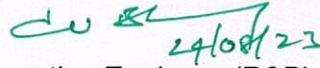
- (ii) As the non-forestry use of forest land involved in the carriage way constructed prior to 1980 has already been allowed before 1980, the provision of raising compensatory afforestation and payment of NPV should not be insisted for such portion of forest land involved in the upgradation / widening of forest land.

Therefore it is requested the kind authority to consider the existing road width as 3.70mt only , in the same way as similar stretch for diversion of 5.94 Ha forest land in SPSR Nellore District of NH-167B from Km 58/500 to 62/963 , which was approved in the 09<sup>th</sup> REC meeting of the IRO, Vijayawada held on 23.11.2022 , since the kadapa district reach was also black topped in the year **1968 i.e. prior to year 1980 and the road was already under usage.**

The authenticated DGPS maps along with KML file for an extent of forest area allowed for diversion uploaded in the Parivesh Portal for favour of kind perusal .

Therefore, it is requested the District Forest Officer , YSR (T) Division ,Kadapa to kindly process the diversion of forest proposals for taking further necessary action.

Yours faithfully

  
24/08/22  
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