



GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc.no.EFS02-15034/51/2020- Office of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh,
FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Guntur -522004.

Dated:08/11/2020.

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Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests &
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Sub:APFD -F(C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of forest land in Paderu Division for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu - Araku section of NH -516 E in the State of Andhra Pradesh in f/o RO, , MoRTH, Vijayawada- Request to conduct DGPS survey - Permission accorded - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Ro, MoRTH, Vijayawada Ir. no. RO/VJA/GNHCP/Forest/401, dated: 09.10.2020.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Rc. no. EFS02-15034/51/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 18.10.2020.
3. Ro, MoRTH, Vijayawada Ir. no. RO/VJA/GNHCP/Forest/513, dated: 26.10.2020.

It is Informed that, in the reference 3rd cited, the Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada has requested to accord permission to conduct DGPS survey in Paderu Division in connection with diversion of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu - Araku section of NH -516 E in the State of Andhra Pradesh in f/o RO, , MoRTH, Vijayawada.

In this connection, it is submitted that, as requested by the Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada in the references 1st cited, permission was accorded to conduct DGPS survey in Narsipatnam and Paderu Divisions in the references 2nd cited covering 3 stretches.

Further, It is submitted that, as per para 11.2 of Chapter -11 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F. no. 5-2/2017-FC (FC Division), dated: 28.03.2019, any proposal for linear projects such as roads, railway line, transmission lines, etc., need to be processed in their entirety for comprehensive assessment of requirement of forest land and consequences if approval for any forest land is not granted.

However, as requested by the Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada in the reference 3rd cited, with reference to Chapter-6 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28.03.2019 permission is hereby accorded to Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada to conduct DGPS Survey in the proposed Reserve forest area in Paderu Division for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu - Araku section of NH-516 E in the State of Andhra Pradesh in f/o RO, MoRTH, Vijayawada subject to the following conditions.

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division shall ensure to explore the possibilities of alternative routes for formation of the above road work before allowing the user agency to conduct DGPS survey.
2. The Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada shall justify for locating project inside forest land.
3. This survey shall not involve any clearing of forest or cutting of trees, and operations are restricted to clearing of bushes and lopping of tree branches for purpose of sighting.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division shall ensure completely that in no case permission is given to user agency for Protected Areas unless Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW permits it. Compliance to Eco-sensitive zone & Wildlife Corridor should also be observed.
5. The Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada shall not cause any violation to the provisions of F(C) Act, 1980 and A.P. Forest Act, 1967.
6. This permission for DGPS survey of the forest land proposed will not confer any right to Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada for diversion of the said land for any purpose.
7. Survey shall be conducted on both the sides for the linear projects.
8. The DGPS survey work with geo-coordinates shall be verified by the forest officials with reference to Gazette Notification of RF block and submit specific remarks.

Further, it is informed that, if the above subject proposal i.e. Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu - Araku section of NH-516 E is a continuation stretch to Koyyuru - Chaparathipalem - Lambasing - Paderu of NH-516 E, it is requested to submit a single proposal for the entire 4 stretches as per para 11.2 of Chapter -11 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi in F. no. 5-2/2017-FC (FC Division), dated: 28.03.2019(Copy enclosed).

The Regional Officer, MoRTH, Vijayawada shall approach the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division and obtain further permission from him before starting the survey work.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division shall be deployed the concerned Forest Staff while undertaking DGPS survey by the User Agency. While submitting DGPS surveyed maps and raw data to this office, the Divisional Forest

Officer, Paderu Division shall furnish specific remarks for locating the project inside the forest area with firm opinion, so as to convey the stand of the Forest Department in considering the proposals further, at the initial stage rather than while processing the proposal in Part -II under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at Divisional Forest Officer level.

Further, while submitting DGPS surveyed maps and Raw data in CD format, the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division shall ensure that CD must contain proper raw data rather than soft copy of the maps and maps must be signed by the field officers, so as to avoid unwanted delay in processing the proposals.

Encl:- As above

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To

The Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu.

✓ The Regional Officer, MoRTH, D. no. 38-2-3/2, Gorledalapanna Veedhi, Near American Hospital, Punnamithota Vijayawada-520010. He is requested to approach the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division before commencing the DGPS survey and not to violate the Forest Acts and their amendments and no violation shall take place in the said Forest area

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Copy (w.e.) to the Chief Conservator of Forests(Wildlife) O/o Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), A.P., Guntur for information.