

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

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Dated 06.03.2024

From  
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,  
EFS&T Department,  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,  
Amaravati-522503.

To  
✓ The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Sub-office of the Regional Office,  
Green House Complex,  
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.06 ha forest land in compartment No.1181 & 1182, Pedimikonda RF, Nathavaram Section, Anakapalli Division for laying and maintaining of 33 KV line (by APEPDCL) beside Narsipatnam - Tuni Road from Thandava Junction to Gandhi Nagar in favour of DEE, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam - Forest Clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: 1)Unique proposal No.FP/AP/TRANS/39550/2019.  
2)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/6/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 23.11.2023.

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I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, has sent proposal through Parivesh-1.0 (online proposal No. FP/AP/TRANS/39550/2019), seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project.

2. In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has stated that Divisional Electrical Engineer, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam has submitted proposal on PARIVESH portal for diversion of 1.06 ha of forest land for Laying and maintaining of 33 KV line (by EPDCL) beside Narsipatnam - Tuni Road from Thandava Junction to Gandhi Nagar in favour of DEE, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam has processed the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and submitted the statutory proposal in the prescribed proforma for further processing. The details of the proposal are as follows:

**i) The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-I.**

- Forest area to an extent of 1.06 ha is required in Anakapalli Division for Laying and maintaining of 33 KV line beside Narsipatnam-Tuni road from Thandava junction to Gandhinagaram
- Cost of the project is mentioned as 441 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, due to establishing the M/S Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., plant at M.B. Patnam village, Nathavaram (M), it is proposed to lay 33 KV line beside Narsipatnam - Tuni road from Thandava junction to Gandhinagaram. As there is no alternative power for the same it was proposed to lay power lines in the forest area.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of CA, NPV, Addl. NPV, tree extraction charges etc.

- The area proposed for diversion is 1.06 ha. Hence Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- The Executive Engineer, Operation Division, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam is proposing Aerial Bunched Cables (ABC) for the proposed 33 KV line beside Narsipatnam to Tuni Road from Thandava Junction to Gandhinagar with a width of 6.0 mts. which is in line with para No.10.1 of Chapter-10 of comprehensive guideline issued by the Govt. of India, dated 28.03.2019
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- Employment likely to be generated is 6 permanent / Regular employment and 10 person-days will be generated.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not required.

**ii) The Divisional Forest Officer, Anakapalli (earlier Narsipatnam Division) has submitted the following information in Part-II.**

- Forest land to an extent of 1.06 ha is required in compartment No.1181 & 1182 of Pedimikonda RF, Nathavaram section of Anakapalli Division for laying of 33 KV electric line favour of DEE, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam.
- Legal Status of the forest is Reserve Forest.
- The density of the forest in the vicinity is about 0.6
- 278 trees (i.e. 29 Teak and 249 non-teak) are existing in the proposed area for diversion.
- There is no vulnerability of forest area to erosion
- Approximate distance from the boundary is 0.
- The proposed alignment does not form a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor etc.
- No Rare / endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna are found in the area.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is un- avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- No violation has been carried out by the User Agency.
- The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has stated that the Divisional Forest Officer, Anakapalli (earlier Narsipatnam Division) has inspected the area proposed for diversion on 16.04.2019, stated that, the No. of electrical poles to be erected is 31 No. with 12.5 m. spun poles. The length of the RF to be diverted is 1.75 km. with a width of 6.00 m. The total area proposed for diversion is 1.06 ha to lay 33 KV electric line. Site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer has been uploaded. Accordingly, in column No. 13 of Part-II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Anakapalli (earlier Narsipatnam Division) has **"Recommended"** the proposal, as the proposed 33 KV line is providing electricity facilities to M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., and providing of alternative supply to 14 gram Panchayats of Nathavaaram mandal in Visakhapatnam District.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has further stated that degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation has been identified to an extent of 2.12 ha in compartment No.1182, Pedimikonda RF in Pedimikonda beat, Nathavaram Section, Anakapalli Division for raising of Compensatory afforestation which is double the extent of RF proposed for diversion (1.06 ha). The Divisional Forest Officer, Anakapalli (earlier Narsipatnam Division) has prepared CA scheme to an extent of 2.12 ha for raising Compensatory Afforestation with a financial outlay of Rs.19,62,100/- for a period of 12 years (including 10 years maintenance) commencement from 2022-23 to 2033-34.





5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has further stated that the Divisional Forest Officer, Anakapalli (earlier Narsipatnam Division) has inspected the degraded forest land identified in compartment No.1182, Pedimikonda RF in Pedimikonda beat, Nathavaram Section, Anakapalli Division for Compensatory Afforestation purpose on 28.04.2022. CA Scheme, Site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Anakapalli (earlier Narsipatnam Division) Division and soil suitability certificate of the land for raising CA has been uploaded. The Location map in (S.I) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps of degraded forest area are uploaded.

6. In Part-III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Anakapalli and **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land and further informed that, the Executive Engineer, Operation Division, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam is proposing Aerial Bunched Cables (ABC) for the proposed 33 KV line beside Narsipatnam to Tuni Road from Thandava Junction to Gandhinagar with a width of 6.0 mts. which is in line with para No.10.1 of Chapter-10 of comprehensive guideline issued by the Govt. of India, dated 28.03.2019". In Part-IV, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh has **Recommended** the proposal for diversion of forest land.

7. As per Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated 28.03.2019, under RoFR Act, 2006, the user agency has uploaded the RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam District in the prescribed format for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR) Act, 2006 at Divisional Forest Officer level.

8. I forward the proposal of the PCCF & HoFF, A.P. through PARIVESH 1.0 (online proposal No.FP/AP/TRANS/39550/2019) duly filled in Part-V with a request to obtain and communicate the approval of GoI, MoEF&CC, under section-2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 1.06 ha forest land in compartment No.1181 & 1182, Pedimikonda RF, Nathavaram Section, Anakapalli Division for laying and maintaining of 33 KV line (by APEPDCL) beside Narsipatnam - Tuni Road from Thandava Junction to Gandhi Nagar in favour of DEE, APEPDCL, Narsipatnam.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Special Chief Secretary to Government  


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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri for information.

The Divisional Electrical Engineer, APEPDCL, O/o the DEE, Pedabodepalli, SS,  
Narsipatnam for information.