

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

Letter No.EFS01-12021-35/Section-II/2018

Dated: 11-06-2018

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

To
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.
Regional Office, 1st and 2nd Floors,
Handloom Export promotion Council Building
34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.85 Ha of forest land in Seethakonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for relaying of Visakha Valley school Road from NH-16 Junction to beach Road, Visakhapatnam, in favour of Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA) - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From PCCF & HoFF, Lr.No.11127/2017/FCA-3, Dt.3-04-2018.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 1.85 Ha of forest land in Seethakonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for relaying of Visakha Valley School Road from NH-16 Junction to Beach Road, Visakhapatnam, in favour of Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA).

2. I wish to inform that the user agency i.e. Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA) has furnished justification stating that the proposed road is the shortest and very important road which connects National Highway and Beach road which will cater the needs of public safety and existing surrounding villages to travel on beach road to avoid traffic congestion on NH-16. Due to the existing narrow road the commuters from both sides of the road facing much inconvenience. The forest land required is bare minimum and no suitable private or Government non-forest land is available and there will be no further requirement of additional area. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The District Collector, Visakhapatnam have issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded on the Ministry's website and the unique file No. FP/AP/ROAD/30975/2017 has been generated. The concerned field officers and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The proforma proposal in Part-V is herewith enclosed.

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3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 1.85 Ha of forest land in Seethakonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for relaying of Visakha Valley School Road from NH-16 Junction to Beach Road, Visakhapatnam, in favour of Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), subject to imposing of the precautionary measures suggested by the Divisional Forest officer.

Yours faithfully,


for Principal Secretary to Government



Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.(w.e)- He is requested to take action to upload the proposal in
the website of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate
Change, including Part-V as enclosed.

The Executive Engineer,
Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam.

P.S to Hon'ble M(EFS&T)

 P.S to Prl.Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept.

PART-V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

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“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 1.85 Ha of forest land in Seethakonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for relaying of Visakha Valley school Road from NH-16 Junction to beach Road, Visakhapatnam, in favour of Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA),”

G. Govindaraju
Signature

Name & Designation

**G. (Official Seal)
Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh**

Date: 11-06-2018

Place: Amaravati