GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.2431/Section. II/2021/(1583698)

Dated:16.02.2022

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

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 11.30 ha. of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram -Proposal submitted under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/6/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:28.11.2021.

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 11.30 ha. of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y.Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.

- 2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram, has furnished justification stating that the road from Y. Ramavaram - Pothavaram is a major District Road in Addateegala (M) and connects villages Yerlagadda Ramavaram, Kothapakalu, Pillalaputa and M. Bhimavaram. The newly proposed road is only way to reach Mandal head quarter Y.Ramavaram (U). The existing earthen road passes through Reserve Forest in between 0/00 to 15/200 km. This is the only shortest route for the people of above habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not passing on this road due to improper geometry and various problems. The villagers are facing many difficulties to meet their needs of Education, Health and Transportation of Agriculture and forest produces etc. Hence, a new formation road is proposed with BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy. The User Agency has furnished undertakings for payment of CA, NPV, Addl. NPV, tree extraction charges and also for avenue plantations etc. The District Collectors, East Godavari and Visakhapatnam Districts have issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique file No.FP/AP/ROAD/37018/2018 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, the Conservator of Forests and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The recommendation of the State Government in proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.
- 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 11.30 ha. of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y. Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M.Bhimavaram in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram, at an early date.

Yours faithfully, for Secretary to Government

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram.

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)

(Letter No.2431/Section.II/2021, Dated.16.02.2022 for diversion of 11.30 ha. of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y.Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M.Bhimavaram in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram)

"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 11.30 ha. of forest land (i.e. 6.58 ha. in Kakinada Division and 4.72 ha. in Narsipatnam Division) for formation of road from Y.Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M. Bhimavaram in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram."

Signature

Name & Designation (Official Seal)

Date: 17-02-2022

Place: AM ARAVATHI

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S., Special Secretary to Government Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.