

**Inspection notes of the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam on the proposed diversion of forestland (4.50 ha) for Providing B.T.Road including Construction of Pipe Culverts and Retaining walls from Improvements to the road from KM 24/0 to 35/0 of Araku Valley to Pachipenta passing through Lotheru, Iragai and Moduga RF's in Compartment no.456,459,460,468 and 469 of Visakhapatnam Division by Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Visakhapatnam**

Inspected the proposed road for from **Araku Valley to Pachipenta** of Araku Valley Mandal on **11-10-2015** along with Forest Range Officer, Ananthagiri and Executive Engineer (R&B) Division, Visakhapatnam. There is an existing Kutcha road being used by the villagers and now the user agency is proposing for diversion of forestland (4.50 ha) for Providing B.T.Road including Construction of Pipe Culverts and Retaining walls from Improvements to the road from KM 24/0 to 35/0 of Araku Valley to Pachipenta passing through Lotheru, Iragai and Moduga RF's in Compartment no.456,459,460,468 and 469 of Visakhapatnam Division. As per the DGPS Survey the proposed road starts GPS readings N: 18.33771 E:83.05588 and ends at N:18.38766 E:83.07534. The proposed road width is 5.00m and out of 11000 m of total length of the road 8830 m length is passing through Lotheru , Iragai and Moduga Reserve Forest. During the inspection it is found that the applicant has violated the Act by digging the Red earth for leveling of road in Compt.no.456 of Moduga RF. The forest staff has case booked against the applicant and an amount of Rs 2,68,101/-is collected towards compounding fee. The density of the forest at the proposed area is 0.4 – 0.7 (Eco-class –II open forest) density (Southern Tropical Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest).



Sl. No	In Kms		Reserve Forest Length in b/w Road chainage	Proposed Road Width	Araea in Ha	RF & Comp.no
	From	To	In Kms		RF	
1	24.30	24.80	0.347	0.005	0.17	Lotheru RF/468
2	25.20	26.20	0.908	0.005	0.45	Lotheru RF/469
3	26.40	26.60	0.137	0.005	0.07	Lotheru RF/469
4	26.60	27.10	0.47	0.005	0.24	Lotheru RF/468
5	27.10	30.40	3.243	0.005	1.62	Iragai RF/459 &460
6	30.80	33.00	2.155	0.005	1.08	Modugu RF/456
7	33.20	33.80	0.588	0.005	0.29	Modugu RF/456
8	34.00	35.00	0.982	0.005	0.49	Modugu RF/456
			<b>8.83</b>		<b>4.42</b>	
	For CD Works & RT Wall				0.08	
	<b>Total:</b>				<b>4.50</b>	

There are no trees will be felled while forming road from Araku Valley to Pachipenta. There will not be any impact of the proposed project on the ecology specially soil erosion in the area. As the way (footpath) is being used by the Villagers of Lotheru, Merriguda, Chandrapoda, Delipadu, Thotavalasa, Nanda, Aluru Villages and it is the only way to connect to main road from the surrounding Villages and it is essentially required for the people for transportation. The area originally supports tropical dry ever green forest only with open forest class in Eco-value Class-IV open Forest class. There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna.

  
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